



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-58021

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/05/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/08/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
04/24/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A - 1st Left	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	C - 3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D - 4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E - 5th Left	GA PreK	2	11	C	26	C	36	C	Story
Main	F - Front Center	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	29	C	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	G - Back Center	GA PreK	2	12	C	24	C	34	C	Music
Main	H - 5th Right	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	I - 4th Right	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	J - 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	K - 2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L - 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 267					
Total # Children this Date: 129					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 267					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Toddler	57	C
Main	Playground B - School-age	72	C
Main	Playground C - Toddler	19	C
Main	Playground D - Infants	9	C

Comments

Monitoring visit and plan of improvement follow-up visit completed on August 5, 2025. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions."

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Splash pad not in use on this date.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms had hazardous items accessible to children in care:

F- Baby wipes were in the cubbies.

G- Adult scissors, stapler, staples, tape dispenser and adhesive magnetic dots were in an unlocked green three drawer storage container.

H- Plastic trash bags were in an unlocked white three drawer storage container and baby wipes were in the restroom.

J- Baby wipes were in the cubbies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025

Prior Visits: 01/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms needed attention:

B- one fluorescent lights was not working and one ceiling tile was stained.

C- five vents in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting. Further, it was observed paint was peeling off the rear wall and on the fifth cabinet door. The restroom light was missing the cover.

D- five vents in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting. Further, it was observed paint was peeling off the rear wall.

E- four vents in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting.

F- four vents in the classroom, the smoke detector, ceiling tiles and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting. Further, it was observed that the second restroom was missing the light cover.

G- four vents, two lights in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting.

Further, it was observed that the girl's restroom was missing the light cover. Also one ceiling tile was stained.

H- five vents in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting.

I- five vents in the classroom and ventilation fans in the restroom were dirty and needed dusting. Further, two ceiling tiles were stained.

J- three vents in the classroom were dirty and needed dusting.

K- three vents in the classroom and ventilation fan over the diaper changing table were dirty and needed dusting.

Further, one fluorescent light was not working. Also one ceiling tile was stained.

L- three vents in the classroom, two lights, two ceiling tiles and ventilation fan over the diaper changing table were dirty and needed dusting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025

Prior Visits: 08/24/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2025

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Prior Visits: 09/10/2024

Corrected on 8/5/2025

.29(3) - Correction observed on this date. The center was submitting reports as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Consultant reviewed with the director as follows: requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2025

Prior Visits: 08/24/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that on the bus ending in tag # 9030 the second right side seat belt was fraying and needed to be replaced.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025**Correction Deadline: 5/5/2025****Corrected on 8/5/2025**

.14(2) - Correction observed on this date. Current staff had obtained certification in first aid and CPR as required.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - • Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025**Prior Visits: 02/19/2025****Corrected on 8/5/2025**

.31(2)(c) - Correction observe don this date. All classrooms had lead teachers with credential or working on their credential.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**Prior Visits: 02/18/2025****Corrected on 8/5/2025**

.32(7) - Correction observed on this date. Active supervision was observed.