



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/28/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-54995

Calhoun County Child Development Center

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Same

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.
08/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/19/2024	Licensing Study	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	Room A: 1L	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B: 2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C: 3L	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D: 4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E: 5L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room F: 7L	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room G: 8L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room H: 6L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (EHS)	29	C
Main	Playground B	333	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	12	25	3	7	0	0

Comments

A repeat citation was left with the center on this day.

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 LS:

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained and completed.

Facility

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with Director to ensure that the maintenance of the fire extinguisher on the left side of the front entrance door to the center is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2025

Prior Visits: 09/13/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in classrooms Main Room A: 1L, C: 2L, D: 4L, E: 5L, and G8L, had fans accessible to children that posed a hazard. Additionally, in Main Room F: 7L and G: 8L there were loose cords hanging on the left side of the computer desks that posed a strangulation hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Prior Visits: 03/18/2025

Recited on 8/28/2025

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

Met

Comment

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

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the following as it relates to Operational Policies & Procedures:

- Programs must include policies on expulsion/suspension and detailed practices to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.
- Include strategies for staff on infant care, coping with distress, and understanding early brain development.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2025

Comment

Program observed to have complete emergency drills.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on the premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles with license plate number GNP682 and PB4381 used in transporting children on this date. Transportation observed on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Director provided one file for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the following as it relates to Annual Training:
- Include strategies for staff on infant care, coping with distress, and understanding early brain development.
Effective July 1, 2025, the required 10 hours of annual training must include:
- At least 2 hours in language and literacy practices.
- At least 2 hours in child development and health/safety topics.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

Prior Visits: 03/18/2025

Corrected on 8/28/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The rooms were in ratio.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.