



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/7/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-36048

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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.
04/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/03/2025	Initial-TA	NA	
02/05/2025	Complaint 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
Bldg II	A 1L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	23	C	Story
Bldg II	B 1R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	15	C	21	C	Homework
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121							
Main	A-Front Rm.	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- PreK Left Room		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- Right Room	One Year Olds	2	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Floor Play
Main	D- 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121							
Main-Downstairs	Rm. E- 1's-2's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121							
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	7	12	18	8	5	39

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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.decga.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decga.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1 Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2021
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4 Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2024
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1 Not Met
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Staff # 4 Not Met
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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 4/7/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation has been corrected. Consultant observed complete documentation referencing medication and allergies for the five files reviewed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 4/7/2025

.08(1)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center does not have a student enrolled that requires a special care plan on this date.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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 center.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

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Staff # 4

Not Met

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2024

Corrected on 4/7/2025

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation has been corrected. Consultant observed the repaired seat covers on bus SCM 4361 on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of staff records that Staff #4 with a hire date of 5-10-24 did not complete the health and safety orientation training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025**Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of staff records that Staff # 1 with a hire date of 5-10-21 did not complete ten clock hours of diverse training for the 2024 year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025**Recited on 4/7/2025****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.