



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/9/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-30701**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                 |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 10/09/2025                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/26/2024                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/04/2023                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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: 3-4 yr olds     | Three Year Olds           | 1     | 10       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                  |
| Main                           | Room B:1-2 yr olds      | Infants and One Year Olds | 2     | 6        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap,Free Play |
| Main                           | Room C: 2 yr            | Two Year Olds             | 1     | 7        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                  |
| Main                           | Room D: 3 -12 year olds |                           | 0     | 0        | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           |                          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 |                         |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                          |
| Total # Children this Date: 23 |                         |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                          |

| Building | Playground                         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A: Infant - 2 year olds | 19                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B:3-12 yrs              | 29                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 3                        | 3       | 8       | 14      | 0       | 0                  | 14                |

### **Comments**

A copy of 12/15 Passenger Fact Sheet, First Aid Checklist, and Playground Maintenance Checklist was left with the Director.

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.decgal.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

**Comment**

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no tipping hazards observed in Room B on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(4) - Discussed that the computer in Room D needs to be secured to prevent tripping hazard as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

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**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were five enrollment applications that obtained all required information on this date as required.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that all exhaust fans are free of dust as required.

**Correction Deadline: 11/8/2025**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards accessible to children on this date as required.**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that closet storage doors remain locked as required.

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observations that all outside toys were in need of being cleaned and the toy bike contained rust and was not in good repair.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 10/23/2025**

**Recited on 10/9/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observations that the wooden barrier on Playground A was observed to be chipping wood and contained two 1 inch bolts sticking out that pose as a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025**

**Recited on 10/9/2025**

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**Food Service**

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.15(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence of completed and current feeding plans on file as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.15(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The center menu contained food being served that did not present a choking hazard on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**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/RuleAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2025**

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**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed for Van Tag #EDIC77 on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The seats were observed in good repair on this date.**

**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 observations that the center picked up children that would require a booster seat and the center had one within the van that was not properly installed.

**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: 10/16/2025**

**Recited on 10/9/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.36(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The parental agreements was observed completed on file as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence of completed emergency medical forms on file as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence of completed transportation logs on file as required.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.30(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no attachments on the crib or sleeping infant observed on this date.**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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**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.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

**Comment**

Please add protective eye wear in first aid kit(s).

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 2 did not have current first aid and CPR on file within 90 days of hire as it was completed online.

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #4 did not have evidence of First Aid and CPR on file within 45 days of employment as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 10/23/2025**

**Recited on 10/9/2025**

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

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) 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 offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2 did not have (10) clock hours of diverse training on file as required.

**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: 11/8/2025**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/6/2025**

**Corrected on 10/9/2025**

**.31(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date.**

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.