



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/18/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:25 AM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-50742
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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.
08/18/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/17/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2024	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	A- (10) 18mths-35mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- (11)- 18mths-35mths		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-(7)- 3 yr		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- (8)- 3 yr	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E- (9)-3 yr	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F- (12) - 18mths-35mths		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-(3) -4 & 5 yr	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	H- (5)- 3 yr		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	I - (4)- 3 yr	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J- (6) -3 yr		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	K- (2) -4 & 5 yr	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L- (1)- 4 & 5 yr	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and up	226	C
Main	Playground B- 18mths- 35mths	13	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	1	23	86	26	0	0

Comments

The center was left with two repeat citations on this date.

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.

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 user id 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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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.

Facility

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that in classroom Main A-(10) there were two tiles cracked at the back yellow door with exposed wood and the floor was uneven posing a tripping hazard. Additionally, in classroom Main J-(6) there were two tiles cracked at the back yellow door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Recited on 8/18/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(4) requires the Center to maintain the temperature in the range of 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and to ventilate the Center be ventilated either by mechanical or natural means for the purpose of providing fresh air and controlling unpleasant odors. Facilities which do not have a functioning central heating and air-conditioning system shall make fifty percent (50%) of all required windows operable for ventilation. Any openings used for ventilation shall be screened. It was determined based on observation that there was a "Puradigm" air purifier on top of a shelf between the music and dramatic play area in classroom Main I- (4) accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add screen(s), if needed. The designated person(s) will check frequently to ensure the Center's temperature is maintained at 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit, will monitor to ensure that either natural or mechanical ventilation provides fresh air and controls unpleasant odors, and that any openings used for ventilation are screened.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2025

Recited on 8/18/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 observation that there was an active ant bed between the entrance of the playground going towards the large swing set. On the large swing set, the first bay and second swing up top was an active spider web with a spider hanging from the web. Between the small swing set and the blue tent was an unwound green water hose. Additionally, the white PVC pipe around the small swing set at the front first PVC pipe had a hole and crack, the second pipe had two cracks, and the third pipe had a nail protruding 1 inch out of the PVC pipe that posed a pinching and strangulation 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: 8/25/2025

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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

Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. The center currently is not conducting transportation because they do not have a driver employed. There were no vehicles on the premises on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

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Corrected on 8/18/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The checklist for the last two weeks of school, May 12, 2025-May 16, 2025, and May 19, 2025-May 23, 2025, had the departure and return dates documented.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2025

Corrected on 8/18/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The sleeping equipment were positioned correctly.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2025

Corrected on 8/18/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The employee previously cited was no longer employed.

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

Met

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.