



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 9/3/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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

CCLC-14468

A Child's Dream Childcare and Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/03/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/04/2025                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/10/2024                         | Monitoring Visit | 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                           | Left (infant)      | Infants and One Year Olds | 2                               | 8        | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Free Play |
| Main                           | Middle Left        | Two Year Olds             | 2                               | 14       | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play         |
| Main                           | Middle Right Back  | Three Year Olds           | 1                               | 15       | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Centers |
| Main                           | Middle Right Front | Four Year Olds            | 1                               | 12       | C    | 19                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,TV      |
| Main                           | Right Back         |                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                   |
| Main                           | Right Front        |                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                   |
| Main                           | Trailer            |                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                   |
|                                |                    |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                   |
| Total # Children this Date: 49 |                    |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                   |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A Left             | 6                    | C                     |
| Main     | B Middle back yard | 22                   | C                     |
| Main     | C Right rear yard  | 12                   | C                     |
| Main     | D right front yard | 28                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 9                 | 1       | 18      | 15      | 15      | 10                 | 74                |

#### **Comments**

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Director on this date. All Core Rules or Follow-up to previous rule violations (for POI) were observed 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.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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto: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:

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.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 The Consultant and Director discussed monitoring the condition of the flooring and carpeting surfaces throughout center to include carpet, area rugs, linoleum, wood, tile, etc. cleanliness, tripping hazards, and physical damage.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2025

Prior Visits: 09/10/2024, 02/07/2024

**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)****Not Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing surface in the main left (infant) room had several unsmooth areas and could not be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025****Prior Visits: 08/23/2023****Recited on 9/3/2025****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025****Prior Visits: 03/04/2025****Corrected on 9/3/2025**

.17(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed the infants to be changed in a timely manner on this day.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025****Prior Visits: 03/04/2025****Corrected on 9/3/2025**

.20(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed all backpacks to be free of medication on this day.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025****Prior Visits: 03/04/2025****Corrected on 9/3/2025**

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed the following vehicles used for transportation:

- vehicle with tag CZG1421 to be in good repair.

- vehicle with temporary tag P6354509 was not observed on premises due to shop repairs.

**Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025****Prior Visits: 03/04/2025**

Corrected on 9/3/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed the transportation checklist to be completed as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/04/2025

Corrected on 9/3/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed the transportation checklist to be completed as required on this day.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### 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.

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) The Consultant and the Director discussed ensuring that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2023, 03/16/2023

## Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/04/2025

Corrected on 9/3/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this day. The Consultant observed that Staff #9 completed the requirements of the Criminal Background Check with the current expiration date of (3/7/2030)

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/04/2025

Corrected on 9/3/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was corrected on this day. The Consultant observed that Staff #9 completed the requirements of the Criminal Background Check with the current expiration date of (3/7/2030)

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

Met

#### Comment

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

#### Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

### 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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.