



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/22/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 5:35 PM

CCLC-132

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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.
04/22/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/16/2024	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	1	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	10	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	11	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	12	GA PreK	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	13	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	14	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	15	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	16	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	5	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Free Play
Main	6	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	7	Infants	2	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	8	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	9	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 340	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 169	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 340	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K	90	C
Main	Preschool	61	C

Comments

Staff records, staff ratios, and lapse in employment was discussed with the director 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 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@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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

	Facility
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Records Reviewed: 69

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 44

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 59

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation of classroom #15 having an adult stapler located on the sink in reach of children and an unlocked cabinet underneath the sink containing disinfectant and Clorox wipes labeled "keep out of reach of children" in reach of children was observed to be corrected as consultant observed all cabinets locked and no hazardous items were observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 69

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 44

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 59

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

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

Records Reviewed: 69

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation of classroom #1 not having three of eight tight-fitting sheets as required was observed to be corrected as consultant observed all crib sheets to be tight- fitting.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 69

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 44

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/16/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff #44 with a hire date of December 16, 2024 is listed as a ABA therapist and was observed overseeing a child without submitting both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as the portability date had passed. It was also observed that staff #59 with a hire date of January 27, 2025 who is listed as a cook and was observed in the kitchen, did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff #44 with a hire date of December 16, 2024 has a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that was completed more than 12 months from the hire date and therefore cannot be ported is listed as a ABA therapist and was observed overseeing a child. It was also observed that staff #59 with a hire date of January 27, 2025 who is listed as a cook and was observed in the kitchen, has a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that was completed more than 12 months from the hire date and therefore cannot be ported.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that staff #69 with a hire date of February 13, 2025 is listed as a volunteer and was observed engaging with children is eligible for portability and was not ported electronically.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 69

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 44

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 59

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) - Child group size was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025