



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/12/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-262
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/12/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/04/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
A/S building	adult gym		0	0	C	108	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	conference room		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	Gym		0	0	C	163	C	NA	NA	
A/S building	kid fit gym		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			
Child Learning Center	1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Child Learning Center	1st right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Outside
Child Learning Center	2nd left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Child Learning Center	2nd right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Child Learning Center	3rd left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers

Child Learning Center	3rd right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Child Learning Center	4th left	GA PreK	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers, Circle Time
Child Learning Center	4th right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 313		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Child Learning Center	back left, twos	46	C
Child Learning Center	front left, toddlers	35	C
Child Learning Center	preschool/AS PG	74	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	10	10	26	13	0	92

Comments

The visit report was reviewed 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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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:

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)

Met

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 center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in the following classrooms:

-Child Learning Center 1st right: A mop and mop bucket were observed on the floor accessible to children.

-Child Learning Center 2nd Left: A mop and mop bucket were observed on the floor accessible to children.

Additionally, there was a pack of diapers wrapped in plastic accessible to children.

-Child Learning Center 3rd Left: Two plastic grocery bags were observed in a cubby accessible to children.

-Child Learning Center 4th Left: A mop, mop bucket, and two brooms were observed on the floor accessible to children. Additionally, there were two plastic grocery bags stored in cubbies accessible to children.

-Child Learning Center 4th Right: A mop and mop bucket were observed on the floor accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

Recited on 11/12/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on playground two, additional resilient surfacing was needed in the following areas:

-On the climbing structure with the large blue slide, the fall zone did not extend out at least five feet at the exit of the slide as required.

-The resilient surfacing in the fall zone under the swings measured three inches where six inches was required. Additionally, the fall zone did not extend out seven feet past the length of the swing chains as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2025

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that containers used for the storage of disposable and non-disposable items such as diapers, washcloths and bed linens be: leak proof or have a leak proof disposable liner, covered, easily cleaned and maintained so contents are not accessible to the children. Please ensure that soiled laundry be stored in leak proof container and be covered so that it is not accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All required staff had evidence of completed transportation training on file as required.

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

Met

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.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/22/2025

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.14(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All required staff completed CPR and First aid training within the first 45 days of employment as required.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/9/2025

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.24(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had evidence of a staff file and completed orientation form on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All required staff had evidence of health and safety orientation training as required.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation will be evaluated at the next Licensing Study after January 1, 2026.

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: 3/6/2025

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.