



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/12/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-894

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/12/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/24/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/23/2023	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	Room A - 1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B - 2nd Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	33	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Room C - 3rd Left	Three Year Olds	2	21	NC	20	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room D - 3rd Right	Four Year Olds	2	5	C	31	C	31	C	Circle Time
Main	Room E - 2nd Right	Infants	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room F - 1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room G - Front Center		0	0	C	21	C	21	C	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 146				
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 146				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Area A - Infant	3	C
Main	Area B - Toddler Yard	17	C
Main	Area C - Lower Yard	56	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	16	17	15	19	0	58

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up on previous citations

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.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed attention:

C- The cubbies and walls were dirty and needed cleaning. The cabinets under the handwashing sink had chipped blue paint and the bottom of the cabinet was falling apart.

D- The tan child size sofa and chair were worn with exposed foam.

F- The foam play mats were worn with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Prior Visits: 10/24/2024

Recited on 6/12/2025

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom C- had 21 children present with a max capacity of 20. The director removed 1 child into another classroom for correction.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

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 care:

D- Off deep woods insect repellent was left in a child's cubby

Playground C-lower yard- Insect repellent was left out on the picnic table on the far right side of the playground

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: 6/19/2025

Prior Visits: 10/24/2024

Recited on 6/12/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed attention:

All windows and window seals were dusty and dirty and needed to be cleaned.

All baseboards were dusty and dirty and needed to be cleaned.

paint was peeling off on left side of the building.

Classroom D- the circle time carpet needs to be cleaned and vacuumed off

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025

Prior Visits: 10/24/2024

Recited on 6/12/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Prior Visits: 03/28/2023

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected all fencing surrounding playgrounds were in good repair

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2024

Prior Visits: 10/24/2024

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be correct, playground equipment was age appropriate, a variety of activities were provided and swings were made inaccessible on all playgrounds.

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 the following hazards were present:

C- Lower playground- trash can was over filled and piled up causing trash to fall out on the ground, plastic cups, paper towels were left all over the playground, a 12ft tree limb located in the back left of the playground along the fencing

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: 6/27/2025

Prior Visits: 03/28/2023

Recited on 6/12/2025

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation there were no feeding plans for three infants out of seven.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2025**Prior Visits: 10/24/2024****Recited on 6/12/2025****591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024****Prior Visits: 10/24/2024****Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.18(7) - It was determined based on observation that the provider corrected the citation. The kitchen had designated storage areas and was kept clean

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that classroom A did not have proper ventilation in diapering area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Discussed with provider to ensure all staff know proper handwashing and diapering procedures to ensure all children wash hands after each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(8) - Discussed with provider to ensure all staff the proper handwashing and diapering procedure to ensure each staff member washes hands before and after diaper changing

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2025**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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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

Met

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i) requires that newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements must enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. It was determined based on a review of staff records all newly hired staff did not have a file with current orientation, completed application, and health and safety orientation certificate within 90 days

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all teachers will comply with the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

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.