



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/24/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

**CCLC-62620**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                         |               | <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. |
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| 03/24/2025                  | Licensing Study         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/29/2024                  | Initial Licensing Study | 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                            | Rm A-1st R-Infants        | Infants                            | 2     | 6        | C                               | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding |
| Main                            | Rm B-2nd R-1 year olds    | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 11       | C                               | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play, Circle Time         |
| Main                            | Rm C-3rd R-4 year old     | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 10       | C                               | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                    |
| Main                            | Rm D-2 Year olds-2nd Left |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast                      |
| Main                            | Rm E-3's 2nd L Back       | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 13       | C                               | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                        |
| Main                            | Rm F-PreK-K1L-Back        | GA PreK                            | 2     | 17       | C                               | 20         | C            | 29         | C            | Centers, Breakfast             |
| Main                            | Rm G-Pre-K 1st Left       | GA PreK                            | 2     | 17       | C                               | 33         | C            | 47         | C            | Centers                        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171 |                           |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 194 |            |              |            |              |                                |
| Total # Children this Date: 74  |                           |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 194 |            |              |            |              |                                |

| Building | Playground       | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Back Rear        | 175                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground RT FT | 25                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 7                        | 16             | 17             | 22             | 20             | 16                        | 1                        |

#### **Comments**

A copy of this report was emailed to the Provider 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.decga.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:**

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@decga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that all lesson plans are completed and displayed for the current week of instruction.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2025

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 3/24/2025

.25(4) - It was determined based on observation that all ventilation fans in all bathrooms were in working condition.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 3/24/2025

.26(4) -The previous citation has been observed to be corrected on this day. The fencing surrounding the playground perimeter was flush to the ground eliminating any entrapment hazards.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure the water spigot on the Back Rear Playground is covered at all times to prevent a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure the RT. FT playground does not have piles of leaves in the corners of the playground, causing a potential hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2025

## Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

## Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 3/24/2025

.10(1) -Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the ventilation fans were operable in Main Rm A-1st R-Infants and Main Rm B-2nd R-1 year olds as required.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

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.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) requires the center to use passenger transportation checklists, in a format approved by the Department, to account for each child during transportation. A separate passenger checklist must be used for each vehicle. It was determined based on review of records that the Provider did not use the passenger transportation checklist to account for each child during transportation as required by the Department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain a passenger checklist as required.

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2025****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that on March 18, 2025, the time the bus returned from Poole's Mill Elementary School with two students on the bus to the Center was not recorded as required.

**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: 3/25/2025**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5) - Please ensure that all staff have the required 10 hours of ongoing training as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.