



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/10/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

**CCLC-51680**

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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. |
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| 07/10/2025                         | MV POI Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/04/2025                         | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/02/2025                         | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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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     | A- 2 y/o          |                        | 0     | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | B- Infants        |                        | 0     | 0        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | C-                | Three Year Olds        | 1     | 14       | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main     | D- 2- 3 y/o       | Two Year Olds          | 1     | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main     | E GA -Pre-K - A/S | Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 17       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main     | F-                |                        | 0     | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 37

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Main       | 28                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The Consultant evaluated Core rules and discussed with the Director practices and regulatory methods to support continued compliance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decal.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 user id 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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV POI/Follow-Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Prior Visits: 03/19/2025

Corrected on 7/10/2025

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff utilizing redirection and reinforcing classroom expectations to promote safe and appropriate play in the classroom. The Consultant further observed Staff maintaining close proximity to the children to implement developmentally appropriate communication and to physically intervene if needed. The Consultant further discussed with Staff that routines, schedules, and modeling appropriate play were used in the classroom to ensure that children were engaged safely and appropriately in the classroom. The Consultant also discussed with the Director that Staff received state-approved training to ensure safe and developmentally appropriate classroom activities were being implemented in the classroom.

**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.

**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.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**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.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Prior Visits: 03/19/2025, 11/06/2024

Corrected on 7/10/2025

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Director the Center's policies and procedures regarding reporting requirements. The Director stated proper knowledge of when the Center is required to make a Required Report to the Department. The Consultant further observed the Center's newly implemented policies and procedures regarding incident reports, documentation, and communication of incidents that occur at the Center to ensure proper recording and availability of records were maintained as required.

**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

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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)** Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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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**

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