



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/24/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-54914

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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.
01/24/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/28/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2023	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	A-1L-PreK	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-2L- Primary	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	C- Rear Middle-3's	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D-3R-2's	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-2R - Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-1R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 54

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (3-12YEARS)	124	C
Main	PLAYGROUND A	35	C
Main	Playground B	46	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	7	18	13	15	5	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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:

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@decgal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 1/24/2025

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the red couch with small rips and exposed foam as well as a small circle pillow with small rips and exposed foam were discarded from the classroom.

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-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure all exhaust vents are working properly throughout the day.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2025

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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 the children:

- * Classroom C had an unlocked closet that held cleaning tools, an unlocked cabinet under the sink with multiple spray paints, can paint and weed killer along with baby wipes on a shelf label keep out of reach of children accessible to children
- * Classroom D had cleaning tools in the right side bathroom accessible to children.
- * Classroom B had a bug repellent, chapstick and sunscreen in the cubbies accessible to children.
- * Classroom A had a bottle of lotion and hand sanitizer accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director removed the hazards while consultant was in the room. 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: 1/24/2025

Recited on 1/24/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure ceiling tiles are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

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

Defer

Comment

Playground observed to be clean on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(8)- Previous citation deferred due to scheduled mulch replacement for February.

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: 9/11/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure there is no chipped paint on the play equipment.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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
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Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please ensure mats used for naps are free of any rips and tears.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

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.

Comment

Director provided 2 files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 1/24/2025

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that all criminal background check were obtained and completed.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 1/24/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that all criminal background check were obtained and completed.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR. Due to expiration dates, CPR was scheduled for February.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 1/24/2025

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected in that Health and Safety was completed as required.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.