



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-1093
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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.
09/09/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/21/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Support	
03/26/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	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-1st Left	Infants	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack,Floor Play,Nap
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Snack
Main	C-3rd Left 150		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 1st Right 200	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack,Free Play
Main	E-2nd Right 250		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-3rd Right 300		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-4th Right 350	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	H-5th Right(Rear) 400		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-Center Rear 500	Six Year Olds and Over	3	24	C	30	C	NA	NA	Snack,Outside
Main	J-Left Rear- GYM	Six Year Olds and Over	1	26	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	K-Center- Cafeteria		1	0	C	23	C	32	C	Not In Use
Main	L- Bldg II 1st Rt	Six Year Olds and Over	1	1	C	16	C	22	C	Homework
Main	M- 2nd Rt- 1st Grade		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	N- 1st Left-1st Grade	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	16	C	22	C	Homework
Main	O- 2nd Left		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	P - 1st Left Drake		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Q - next to gym		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 333

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 368

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.12(4) - Previous citation corrected in that there were no potential tipping hazards accessible to children on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected in that all bathrooms had working exhaust fans as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that there were no potential hazards accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the fencing to be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground equipment to be in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed did not observe tripping hazards on this date. The Consultant also discussed spray painting roots when they are accessible on the playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.10(9) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the diapering areas to be clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed proper handwashing on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.30(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed children sleeping on their back on this date. Center staff stated that children are placed on their back for nap time.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that all staff had submitted both a records check application to the department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site prior to working at the Center as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.09(1)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that all Staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed documentation of all staff required to obtain health and safety orientation training on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom D-1st Right 200 housed four 1-year-old children, eight 2-year-old children, and one 3-year-old child on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that Staff in classroom D- 1st Right 200 and classroom B- 2nd Left did not sit within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger on this date as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2025