



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/3/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

CCLC-1451

Childcare Network #100

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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.
07/03/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/13/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
01/14/2025	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	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	1st Left (GA Pre-K)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	29	C	41	C	Free Play
Main	2nd Right		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3rd Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4th Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transition ing
Main	Left Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	28	C	Lunch
Main	Middle Back (GA Pre-K)		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	179	C

Comments

The investigation was not concluded on this date. The interim Director had been on site approximately 10 days.

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 CI FollowUp:

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

Not Met

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:

1st Left

- There was a broom next to the garbage cans. Also, there were Lysol spray and Clorox wipes in an unlocked storage cabinet.

4th Right

- There was a dustpan standing near the entrance door.

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: 7/3/2025

Prior Visits: 07/18/2022

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 to be cleaned/repared or replaced:

1st Left

- An Owl area rug

Left Back

-A number rug next to the back exit door.

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. The Provider stated that they will remove all hazards today and discuss with the staff regarding hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2025

Prior Visits: 07/18/2022

Recited on 7/3/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure all outlets are covered and not accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2025

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

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate resilient surfacing in the fall zones under the following play structures:

Left Playground:

-The red slides on the play structure in the middle of the playground had less than 1 inch of resilient surfacing when 6 inches were required.

Back Right Playground:

-The yellow slides on the play structure in the middle of the playground had less than 2 inches of resilient surfacing when 3 were required.

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: 7/17/2025

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 on center playgrounds:

Left side:

-There were pine cones and gum balls throughout the playground. Additionally, there were empty plastic cups in the back left corner.

Back Right:

-There were pine cones throughout the playground.

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: 7/3/2025

Prior Visits: 07/18/2022

Recited on 7/3/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Prior Visits: 02/14/2023

Corrected on 7/3/2025

.18(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the refrigerators to be at an appropriate temperature.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Prior Visits: 02/14/2023

Corrected on 7/3/2025

.18(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed food to be stored properly.

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that documentation for parental agreement was not available for review on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025**Prior Visits: 03/13/2024****Recited on 7/3/2025****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined based on a review of records that transportation documentation for Pike County Elementary daily and afternoon travel times were not available for review on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the travel time is no more than forty-five minutes on each trip.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025**Prior Visits: 01/14/2025****Recited on 7/3/2025**

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a ratio of 1:9 was present in 4th Right, consisting of six 2-year-olds and three 1-year-old children. A second staff person was needed to meet the minimum ratio of 1:8 since 1-year-olds made up more than 20% of the group.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2025**Prior Visits: 02/14/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure staff sit within arm's reach of children that are 36-months of age and younger during mealtimes.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2025**Prior Visits: 01/11/2023**