



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**CCLC-17693**

**Childcare Network #89**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/22/2025                  | Monitoring Visit                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/12/2024                  | Complaint Closure                         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/12/2024                  | Complaint Investigation & 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-infant       | Infants                         | 1     | 6        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Nap |
| Main                            | B-1's          | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1     | 6        | C                               | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main                            | C-2's          | Three Year Olds                 | 1     | 7        | C                               | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch       |
| Main                            | D-PreK         |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 26         | C            | 37         | C            | Not In Use  |
| Main                            | E-After School | Six Year Olds and Over          | 1     | 11       | C                               | 26         | C            | 36         | C            | Free Play   |
| Main                            | F-PreK         |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 27         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use  |
| Main                            | G-PreK         |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 26         | C            | 36         | C            | Not In Use  |
| Main                            | H-2's          |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use  |
| Main                            | I- 2's         |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189 |                |                                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220 |            |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 30  |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220 |            |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground              | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A-infant/Tod | 55                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B-PreK       | 62                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C-school-age | 121                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground D            | 29                   | 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> |
| 6                        | 9              | 5              | 12             | 8              | 8                         | 21                       |

#### **Comments**

A copy of the visit report was left with 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!**



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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**Comment**

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

**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)**

**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 potentially hazardous materials were within reach of the children:

-in classroom B, there was a box of rubber gloves on top of the changing table

-in classroom C, there was a broom and dust pan located in the boys bathroom that was accessible to the children

-in classroom E, there was a broom located near the back of the classroom that was accessible to the children.

**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:** 5/22/2025

**Recited on 5/22/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**

**.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center had removed the black indoor/outdoor mats with exposed sharp edges, and no live ant beds were present on any of the playgrounds.**

## Food Service

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

**Not Met**

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that signed written feeding plans for all children in care under one year of age in classroom A were not available.

#### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) - Please ensure that all food served is cut into smaller portions as required by the department.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

#### **Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**

**.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to wash their hands after changing the children in care.**

### 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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

#### **Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

**Met**

#### **Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Corrected on 5/22/2025

.30(1)(b)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All cots in each classroom were marked for individual use.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the cots in room C-2's were stored in the children's activity area and were not covered to prevent children's access.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Recited on 5/22/2025

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

The director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit.

### 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.

## 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.