



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/12/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

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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.
06/12/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/28/2024	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	100	Infants	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	150	Infants	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	200	One Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	250	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	300	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	350		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	400	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	450		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	500		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	550	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	26	C	36	C	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Dining		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Gym	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	60	C	83	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					320		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 323		Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations	

Total # Children this Date: 64

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 320

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 323

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	67	C
Main	Playground B	200	C
Main	Playground C	95	C
Main	Playground D	52	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	13	13	12	10	0	25

Comments

A follow up on previous citations were conducted on this visit.

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.dec.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:

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed gaps on the Playground A, Playground B, Playground C, and Playground D fence repaired.

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Correction Deadline: 1/17/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed six inches of mulch in the fall zones around the swing on Playground C and Playground D.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed hand washing from staff member and assisting child with hand washing after diapering process.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed completed written parental authorization forms for five of five children participating in transportation services.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

Corrected on 6/12/2025

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed five of five children participating in transportation services had a copy of their emergency medical information records on the vehicle and in the center.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025****Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed all cribs had a tight-fitted sheets in classroom 100.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 12 new hire files for employees who were hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 90% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed staff member #4, date of hire, October 03, 2024, had evidence of current certification in CPR and first aid training on file. Staff member #3, date of hire, September 13, 2024, was no longer employed with the center.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2025**Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.14(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed the following items missing in the first aid kit replaced:

- medical tape**
- scissors**
- tweezers**
- antibiotic ointment**
- antiseptic cleaning solution**
- protective eyewear**
- cold pack**
- masks**
- thermometer**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed staff member #4, date of hire, October 03, 2024, and staff member #21, date of hire March 04, 2024 had evidence of health and safety orientation training on file. Staff member #3, date of hire, September 13, 2024, and staff member # 19, date of June 12, 2024, staff member #20, date of hire September 12, 2024, staff member #21, date of hire, March 23, 2024 were no longer employed with center.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**Corrected on 6/12/2025**

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed staff member #7, date of hire, September 27, 2007 and staff member #24, date of hire, February 12, 2002, records to have evidence of ten (10) clock hours of annual training on file. Staff member #16, date of hire, August 15, 2005, was no longer employed.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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