



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/24/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 3:45 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.
04/24/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/19/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/05/2024	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
			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.

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	3year old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Outside,T ransitioning
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Main	B 6-12 Months		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 12 M-18 Months		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D 18-24 Months	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lu nch
Main	E 2 Years	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transition ing
Main	F 2 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning,Lunch
Main	G-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I School Age		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG 3-School Age	55	C
Main	PG Infant Toddler	40	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	15	12	13	15	11	24

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Visit and follow-up on previous citations. The consultant also, discussed the new rule changes on July 1, 2025.

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:

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(7)(c) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that there was documentation on the child's file to evidence that outdoor activity was medically contraindicated. Additionally, the Center should ensure that the medical documentation was routinely updated and contained all required information including the time frame or length of outside restrictions, the reason for the restrictions, limits, and when follow-up medical appointments were scheduled.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of records that three of five children's files were missing the parent's work address, and two of the five children's files were missing parent's work number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2025

.08(2) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Center compiled with the Georgia Department of Public Health's immunization requirements.

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 the following hazards were observed accessible to the children:

- Main 3year old bathroom, baby wipes, a plunger and a plastic bag next to the toilet
- Main D 18-24 Months classroom a dustpan
- Main E 2 Years classroom a broom
- Main F 2 years bathroom, plastic gloves located on top of a plaster drawer, 10 baby cream ointments, and baby wipes
- Main G-Pre-K classroom a broom and dustpan next to the sink

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: 4/24/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that the air purifier that was on the table with the electrical outlet cords accessible to children in the Main G Pre-K classroom is moved to a location where it cannot be accessed by children.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

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

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- Main PG Infant Toddler playground, two tricycles with no handle grips with exposed sharp edges.
- Main PG3 School Age playground, yellow tricycle with missing pedals with exposed sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2025

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 the following hazards were observed:

- Main PG Infant Toddler playground, an exposed tree root that posed a potential tripping hazard
- An active wasp nest under the tall purple gazebo causing a potential stinging hazard
- Active ants along the wooden beams causing potential biting hazards

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: 4/24/2025

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

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure infant feeding plans are regularly reviewed to include the instructions from the parents as new foods are introduced, any changes in the child's feeding scheduled, and the amount of food to be given as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2025

.29(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Director discussed with the Consultant that a meeting was held with all Center staff, to discuss the procedure of reporting all incidents immediately as required by the Department.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please ensure a current inspection for all vehicles used in transporting children are updated annually..

Comment

Please ensure that the date is entered on the school transportation form, at the bottom left of the form next to the day of the week. Additionally, please ensure that the route times do not exceed 45 minutes.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all cribs to have tight fitted sheets that covered the whole mattresses.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Corrected on 4/24/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that each classroom had a tablet with a picture of each child in the classroom on it. Staff take the tablet onto the playground and use the tablet for head counts and identifying children that are in attendance.