



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-37954

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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.
02/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/06/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/06/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Single	A/1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	C/3L/PreK 1	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Centers
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	36	C	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116

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Total # Children this Date: 79

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/A Left	27	C
Single	PG/B Middle	69	C
Single	PG/C Right	76	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	14	20	14	28	10	28

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. A One Day CRC Letter was left 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.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Corrected on 2/19/2025

.03(9) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed children engaging in appropriate activities that would not cause harm to them on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that all furniture and equipment is properly secured throughout the Center to prevent a potential tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 11

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

Facility**Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the fencing is properly maintained such as but not limited ensuring that the fencing bolts do not protrude more than two threads.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025**Health and Hygiene****Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/29/2024****Corrected on 2/19/2025****.36(4)(b) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed vehicle RCZ4565 to be safe and in good repair on this date.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #13 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on this date. Staff #13 was observed in the front office of the Center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that the Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #11 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on this date. Staff #11 was observed in Classroom F 3/R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #11 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that had expired on January 13, 2025 and had not completed the finger printing process every five years as required. It was further determined that Staff #13 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that had expired on October 29, 2024 and had not completed the finger printing process every five years as required

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch the videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

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