



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/22/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-970

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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.
07/22/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/08/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/24/2025	Initial-TA	NA	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bldg 1	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Bldg 1	1st Right	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Bldg 1	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Bldg 1	2nd Right	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg 1	3rd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Bldg 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	4th Left(Back)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	23	C	33	C	Transitioning
Bldg 1	4th Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	5th Right (back)	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Left		0	0	C	47	C	65	C	Not In Use
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play
Bldg 2	Left side 1st Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Left side 2nd Right		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Bldg 2	Right side back		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Bldg 2	Right side Front Room	0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 117	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 269	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Back 3-12 yrs	75	C
Bldg 1	Left Front 2yr	36	C
Bldg 1	Right Back 1yr	13	C
Bldg 1	Right Front Infants	15	C

Comments

Consultant reviewed 1 staff file hired since previous licensing study.

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@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 MV POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that all classroom equipment is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that all TVs are properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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 on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Prior Visits: 06/20/2025

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.15(2)(f) - This citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed lunch to be cut into small pieces as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(4) - Please ensure that all feeding chairs have straps and a buckle.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that there were children's sippy cups on top of the diapering pad in the 3rd Right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025

Prior Visits: 11/21/2023

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.17(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Children were observed to be clean, dry, and comfortable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(6) - Please ensure that all trash cans that hold organic waste, diapers, and pull-ups have lids.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety

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-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Prior Visits: 06/20/2025

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.30(2)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. Infants were observed to asleep in safety-approved cribs as required.

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 1 file for employee hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Please ensure that newly hired staff obtain first aid/CPR within the first forty-five days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2025

Prior Visits: 08/08/2022

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Adequate supervision during activities, transitions, and mealtime was observed.