



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-1490

Childcare Network #9

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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.
03/05/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/17/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/31/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	Front-5+yr/Red	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Building 1	FrontLt-Pre-K/1		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Lf Bk 3's	GA PreK	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Building 1	Pre-K/3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Right Back-Pre-K2	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			109		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Building II	1st Lt-Two's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Building II	1st Rt-Infants		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Building II	Mid-1yr-Toddler		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			42		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		151		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	13	14	23	20	11	43

Comments

March 5, 2025--The monitoring visit was conducted 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.dec.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 3/5/2025

The correction was made. There are no infants enrolled in the center and high chairs are not currently being used.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to continue monitoring platforms on play equipment for rust present and repair as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024****Corrected on 3/5/2025**

The correction was made. The soap and water solution and the bleach water solution were observed on this date. Staff stated they used both solutions. The Director stated random monitoring of diaper changes were conducted for compliance.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024****Corrected on 3/5/2025**

The correction was observed on this date. The Consultant observed staff and children wash their hands.

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

The Director stated no medications were administered since the last regulatory visit.

Safety

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.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.