



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/3/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-25589

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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.
04/03/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/31/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/09/2024	TA Follow Up	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
Main	A-Infants-1st Rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Feeding
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 153

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	26	38	40	39	0	50

Comments

The visit report was left open on this date due to issues with generating Staff Records. Technical support was required to resolve the issue. Upon completion, a copy of the report was sent to the child care program via email.

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.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 II/MV:

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-.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

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 02/01/2023, 09/09/2022

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed potentially hazardous equipment and supplies stored to be inaccessible to children as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.25(8) - This previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that in use electrical cords were installed to be inaccessible to children as required on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.15(3) - This previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that baby bottles were labeled with the individual child's name as required and the refrigerator located in the infant classroom was equipped with a thermometer that read 30 degrees Fahrenheit as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Prior Visits: 08/28/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.15(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff were notified of any child's diet restrictions and food allergies by use of an updated list posted in each classroom indicating children who have food allergies and dietary restrictions in that classroom. The Consultant further observed that children who have food allergies are indicated in the classroom by wearing a bright orange wristband. The Consultant also observed that food prepared at the program that is modified to meet the dietary regimen of a child is labeled with the child's name.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.29(3)- Citation was deferred due to open Incident Investigation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a procedure so everyone knows how and when to report these incidents to the Department and will follow-up to make sure they are reported as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Prior Visits: 08/28/2024

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that minor tears on the seats in the vehicles used for transportation were maintained and in safe repair as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure crib sheets were routinely checked to be tight-fitting as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2025

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.30(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that infant cribs were provided the proper amount of spacing between each piece of sleeping equipment as required on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/3/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required on this date.

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

Comment

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