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Date: 12/30/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:30 PM **Departure:** 4:20 PM

CCLC-49557
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/30/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/04/2024	Licensing Study	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
B-Behind A Left	B-3 (Pre-K 5)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack,TV
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
C-Back Left Bldg	Front Room- Infants		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
D-Middle Bldg	Downstairs -2's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 11		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
E-Back Right	#11		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
F-Back Right	#12- Upstairs (Pre-K 2)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
F-Back Right	Back-Downstairs(Pre-K 3)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
G	14-BL Bldg-Head Start		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Main	A-1 (Mid Left) Infants	Infants	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play
Main	A-2 (Front Left) 3's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A-3 (Back Right) 2's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Snack
Main	A5-Middle Right Rm (1's)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	13	22	25	0	38	0

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with Director.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that the red vinyl couch located at the back right corner of classroom A-3 (Back Right) 2's is repaired or removed to prevent potential safety hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Corrected on 12/30/2025

.06(4) The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was working ventilation in each bathroom.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the license capacity of Room Main A5-Middle Right Rm (1's) Two Year Olds was exceeded, as the room was approved for nine children and ten children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Corrected on 12/30/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The ceiling on the left side of the F2 classroom on the left side near the front door had been repaired.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024****Corrected on 12/30/2025****.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children's hands were washed in each open classroom.****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that Staff in the A-3 (back Right) 2's classroom, were not seated within arm's length of children, under 36 months during snack time, minimizing the risk of children choking.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2025