



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/9/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 5:00 PM

CCLC-299

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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.
12/09/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/26/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Room A-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B-2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room C-3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Room D-1L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room D-2L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room E-2L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E-3L	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room F-1R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F-3R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room G-4L	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room G-4R	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room H-3L	Three Year Olds	3	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room H-3R		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room I-2R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room I-5R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room J-1R	GA PreK	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room K-5R	GA PreK	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Room L-7R	GA PreK	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside

Main	Room M-8R	GA PreK	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room N (Afterschool)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 145		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	12	C
Main	Infant Playground	40	C
Main	PreK Playground	51	C
Main	Toddler I Playground	51	C
Main	Toddler II Playground	40	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	13	26	56	70	13	0

Comments

The Consultant conducted an Exit Conference with the Provider 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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

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

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4
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Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 14

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 29

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check on file.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check on file.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs); (ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants); (iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response); (iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment). It was determined based on a review of records Staff #14, with a hire date of August 8, 2022 had 2 out of 10 hours of required annual training. It was further determined that Staff #3, with a hire date of October 31, 2023, Staff #21, with a hire date of September 30, 2024 and Staff #29 with a hire date of August 2, 2023 did not have evidence of Health and Safety Orientation as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours of on-going child development and health and safety related topics and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

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.