



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/26/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-3023**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                    |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/26/2025                         | Licensing Study                    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/30/2025                         | Incident Investigation Closure     | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/02/2025                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | 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                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Main                            | 1:1L Infant I   | Infants                            | 3     | 11       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Floor Play, Nap  |
| Main                            | 10:2R down PII  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 16       | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning             |
| Main                            | 11:1R down PreK | GA PreK                            | 2     | 14       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                   |
| Main                            | 2:2L Toddler I  | Infants                            | 1     | 2        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play                |
| Main                            | 3:3L T Tots     | One Year Olds                      | 3     | 11       | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Snack                     |
| Main                            | 4:1R Infant II  | Infants                            | 2     | 6        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Floor Play |
| Main                            | 5:2R Toddler II | Two Year Olds                      | 3     | 11       | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning             |
| Main                            | 6:6R down EPI   | Two Year Olds                      | 3     | 12       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning             |
| Main                            | 7:5R down EPII  | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 16       | C                             | 15         | NC           | NA         | NA           | Transitioning             |
| Main                            | 8:4R down EPIII |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                |
| Main                            | 9:3R down PI    |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170 |                 |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                           |
| Total # Children this Date: 99  |                 |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                           |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Preschool  | 66                   | C                     |
| Main     | Toddler    | 21                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 29                       | 22             | 33             | 0              | 16             | 0                         | 0                        |

#### **Comments**

Consultant provided contact information on this date.

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.decga.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.

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#### **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](http://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.

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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@decga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decga.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.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure air purifiers, heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

## 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

**591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures** Met

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**591-1-1-27 Posted Notices** Met

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

## Safety

**591-1-1-05 Animals** Not Evaluated

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-13 Field Trips(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time and have not conducted any field trips since May of 2024 during the Summer Camp. Consultant observed complete documentation 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**

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.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Director that swaddling shall not be used unless the center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. However, weighted and microfleece wearable blankets and sleep suits are not permissible due to lack of safety evidence and overheating risks.

Consultant discussed with the center staff and the Director that sound speakers or any objects shall not be placed on the cribs with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles.

**Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025**

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

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit on this date.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2024 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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.