



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/2/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

**CCLC-49073**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/02/2025                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/10/2024                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/10/2024                         | Complaint Investigation & 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                    |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | A Infants      | Infants                           | 2     | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play               |
| Main     | B Infants      |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use               |
| Main     | C One's        | One Year Olds                     | 2     | 8        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                |
| Main     | D Two's        | One Year Olds                     | 3     | 13       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                  |
| Main     | E Two's        | Two Year Olds                     | 2     | 19       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Free Play |
| Main     | F Three's      | Two Year Olds                     | 2     | 11       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                |
| Main     | G Three's      | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2     | 14       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art                      |
| Main     | H After School | Three Year Olds                   | 2     | 11       | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art                      |
| Main     | I Four's       | Four Year Olds                    | 2     | 10       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                |
| Main     | J Four's       | Four Year Olds                    | 2     | 8        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available

Total # Children this Date: 100

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 53                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 59                   | C                     |
| Main     | C          | 38                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 7                 | 8       | 20      | 19      | 19      | 0                  | 0                 |

#### Comments

Consultant discussed criminal background check rules with the Assistant Director 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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto: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)** Met

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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 met by center on this date.

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

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**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**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Please monitor diaper changing pads for rips and tears.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

#### Safety

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

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

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Program no longer provides routine transportation to school age children.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Ensure resting mats are free from frayed edges and replace as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025**

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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff number #13 had a comprehensive satisfactory background check that was outside of portability and application for a new background check had not been made prior to this date. Application was made on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will view videos to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will view videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #13 with a hire date of May 2, 2025, was present and caring for children with a comprehensive satisfactory background check that was outside of the 12 month portability window. Application for a new records check was made on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025**

**Recited on 10/2/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

**Corrected on 10/2/2025**

**.09(1)(l)3. - Citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed no expired background checks on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children 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.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

**Corrected on 10/2/2025**

**.03(9) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed age appropriate activities on this date.**