



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:35 AM **Departure:** 4:40 PM

CCLC-304

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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.
07/17/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/05/2023	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	1L	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle Back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Total # Children this Date: 43

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Middle PG	35	C
Main	B- Left PG	12	C
Main	C-Right PG	90	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	8	7	16	7	0	15

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

The Record keeping and Organization PDF was emailed to the Director.

The Director was reminded that CPR must be Pediatric CPR.

The visit is being left in "In Progress" due to not being able to enter transportation information. It will be completed as soon as the issue is resolved.

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.

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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - Spoke with Director regarding checking sign in and sign out sheets.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

Facility

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Spoke with Director about a cleaning schedule.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

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

The Center appeared clean on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Spoke with Director regarding isolated equipment repairs needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Spoke with Director regarding the blow up bounce house slides located on playground B- Left PG. The Director stated these will be used by the summer camp children, 6-year-old and up. The Director stated that the rental company did not give them a list of safety guidelines, or rules except for no shoes. The Consultant advised the Director of GA House Bill 198 that states that bounce houses cannot be used if winds exceed 15 m.p.h.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Spoke with Director regarding looking for isolated minor hazards on the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that there were unopened cases of canned fruit, canned ravioli, and crackers stacked on the floor in the kitchen from a delivery on July 16 2025. Additionally, there were unopened cases of canned fruit in Room 1R located outside of the kitchen door with boxes of school supplies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) -Spoke to the Director ensuring all transportation training is complete prior to providing transportation again.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2025

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that an unsecured box containing Clorox wipes and Lysol spray was in the front floor board. Additionally, a bottle of Lysol spray was in the open glove box.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Prior Visits: 07/16/2024

Corrected on 7/17/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. All staff had a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #5 had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department but it was not ported to this license. The staff was present at the facility in Room 2L with the 2-year-old children. The CBC was immediately ported to the license number, and confirmed by the Consultant.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will routinely review all staff records to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. 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 follow the procedures presented in the training videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Prior Visits: 07/16/2024

Corrected on 7/17/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a current Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter.**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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components".09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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.