



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/10/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-52252

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/10/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/12/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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-1L- Infants & 1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-Middle-3's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	71	C	100	C	Centers
Main	C-Middle R-1's	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-Back-2's		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128

Total # Children this Date: 13

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Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-All Ages	98	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	1	4	1	6	0	12

Comments

An on-site incident investigation was conducted on June 10, 2025. Investigative findings were concluded on June 10, 2025. Background checks were all reviewed on June 10, 2025.

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.decal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. The Consultant discussed with the Director not leaving any blank spaces on the children's files.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Director storing Ziploc bags to be inaccessible to children in care.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that protective caps must be on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected as no hazards were observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that three inches of resilient surface was observed around the stair ladder and the yellow slide on the right side, when six inches was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

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Corrected on 6/10/2025

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Director fixing the wrinkled carpet on the front playground area that may pose a tripping hazard and removing the water hose from the side playground area.

- A spider web on the play house.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Director fixing the wrinkled carpet on the front playground area that may pose a tripping hazard and removing the water hose from the side playground area.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.07(5) - The previous citation was corrected as no hazards were observed.

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.13(2) - The previous citation was corrected as the documentation was observed complete.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was corrected as the documentation was observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected as the seats were covered with tape. The Consultant discussed with the Director monitoring the tape.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the following load and unload marks were missing:

- Five out of eleven check marks were missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on April 28, 2025, from Rainbow Elementary to Love and Grace.
- Four out of eleven check marks were missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on April 29, 2025, from Rainbow Elementary to Love and Grace.
- Four out of eleven check marks were missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on April 30, 2025, from Rainbow Elementary to Love and Grace.
- Four out of eleven check marks were missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on May 1, 2025, from Rainbow Elementary to Love and Grace.
- Four out of eleven check marks were missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on May 2, 2025, from Rainbow Elementary to Love and Grace.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

Recited on 6/10/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was corrected as the documentation was observed complete.

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

Not Met

Comment

Per the Director, no infants currently enrolled in the program.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined based on observed that children in classroom B-Middle were observed sleeping on the floor during naptime.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director covering the cots in classroom C with a vinyl covering. The Consultant discussed that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

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**Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected as Staff # 9 had a current first aid and CPR certification on file.

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

591-1-1-.33(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.