



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/30/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 7:50 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

CCLC-50414

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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.
01/30/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/09/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
12/13/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	A1-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
Main	A3-2 year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A4-3 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6-4 year olds	GA PreK	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A7-School Age		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1-Infants		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-1 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B4-2 year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B5-4 year olds		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 82					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C

Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C
Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed 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.

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 MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that free standing wooden shelves in A2, A3, A5, B2, B3, and B4 needed to be secured so they do not pose a falling hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

Recited on 1/30/2025

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

Met

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the boys restroom door In the School-Age room needs to be repaired due to a hole. In addition, ceiling tiles in Room B2, B3 and B4 need to be replaced due to staining.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2025

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025

.25(13) - Citation corrected.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the tops of the swings need to be cleaned due to moss. In addition, please ensure that mulch is flush with the sidewalks to ensure no tripping hazard is present.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025

.15(4) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025

.10(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on observation in Room A3 a child had a severely snotty nose, the staff member looked directly at the child and spoke with them and did not clean the nose until prompted to do so by consultant.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that in Room A5 and Room A6 children entered for the day and was not required to wash hands.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Recited on 1/30/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that in Room A3 a staff member cleaned a child's nose and did not wash hands after.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Recited on 1/30/2025

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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 trash was observed in the floors on bus ending in 007. In addition, the bus seats on 007 and 008 were in need of being repaired due to exposed foam and were patched.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires 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. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that in Room A5 mats were stored with sheets on and touching.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

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-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/16/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025
.33(3) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025
.32(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025
.32(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Corrected on 1/30/2025
.32(7) - Citation corrected.