



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:55 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-330

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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.
03/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2025	Complaint Closure	Support	
10/25/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	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	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1R- Priv Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R Pre-K	GA PreK	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music, Floor Play
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3R	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside, Lunch
Main	4R Nxt to Kitchen		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	5L	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	21	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Center/Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Patio/Back Porch		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rt of 4rt nxt to play		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 227					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 205					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Left Playground	36	C
Main	C- Back Playground	112	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	12	23	30	15	40	50

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on March 19, 2025. Background checks were reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the report was emailed to the Director.

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.03(8) - Previous citation corrected in that individual attention was provided to all children as needed on the day of the visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) -The Consultant discussed with the Director that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for cleaning tools.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observed hazards were observed in the following classrooms:

- diaper ointment and a container of Nilogel was observed on the diaper changing area in the 2L one-year-old classroom.
- a basket of assorted diaper ointments were stored on a low shelf in the 3L two-year-old classroom.
- a diaper ointment was in a cubicle in the 4L two and three-year-old classroom.
- a bag of balloons and teacher supplies were stored in unlocked drawers the 5L three-year-old classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on observation closets doors were unlocked in the 3L, 5L and 2nd R Pre-K classrooms, containing cleaning supplies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 and measurement there was two to three inches of measurable wood chips in the fall zones of the large climbing equipment, six inches were 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: 3/29/2025

Food Service**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Please ensure that all components are served with the meals.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Comment

591-1-1-.15(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that baby bottles and formula be labeled with the individual child's full name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit.

Please ensure that a thermometer is placed in the infant refrigerator.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

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

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, non porous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disintegrate and dried with a singleness disposable towel. It was determined based on observation the diaper changing pad in 1L classroom was not smooth, it had a texture pattern.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review there was no evidence that fire drills, tornado and other emergency situation drills were conducted November, December 2024 and February 2025 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2025**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date (communicable disease chart and who's in charge in the director's absence).

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025****Corrected on 3/19/2025**

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Director is making the required reports as required.

Safety

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****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.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Please ensure that the arrival times back to the center are documented on the passenger checklist.

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 there were a pile of loose harness booster seats behind the back seat of the multi-purpose school bus.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025**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 review there was no documentation in writing with a check mark/symbol that three children had exited the vehicle upon arrival at the center from Fairview Elementary School, two children from Live Oaks Elementary and seven children from Peaks Chapel Elementary School on March 18, 2024.

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: 3/20/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of the transportation checklist there was no evidence of a second check of the vehicle for the following:

-Three children who were transported on the PM route from Peek Chapel Elementary school, two to three children from Flatshoals and seven to eight children from Live Oaks Elementary School on March 5, 6 and 7 2025.

-Two to three children who were transported on the PM route from Flatshoals Elementary and eight children from Peaks Chapel Elementary School on March 13 and 14, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Director provided [6] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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 review the most recently issued determination letter eligible for portability was not ported electronically for staff person #6.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires 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. It was determined based on review there was no evidence of nutrition training for the cook.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center is required to have a Director who is responsible for the supervision, operation and maintenance of the Center. The Director must be on the Center's premises. If the Director is absent from the Center at any time during the hours of the Center's operation, there shall be an officially designated person on the Center site to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center, and this person shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. -The Consultant discussed with the Director that teachers and lead caregivers are required to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.32(7) - Based on observation the previous citation was corrected in that watchful oversight was provided to the children during meals and at all time during the visit.