



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-25589

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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.
08/19/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/31/2025	Attempted	Good Standing	
06/16/2025	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	A-Infants-1st Rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	13	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 136			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Comments

The Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. The Consultant evaluated core rules and review new staff records. The Consultant discussed updated rules and regulations to ensure continued compliance.

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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2025

Prior Visits: 05/29/2025

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.03(9) - Citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff engaged with children and intervened when needed to ensure safe and appropriate play with children, equipment, and toys was maintained as required. The Consultant further observed Staff attended State-approved training to support emotionally and physically safe environments for children.

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.

Facility

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 and well maintained on this date.

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.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2025

Prior Visits: 04/03/2025

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.29(1) - Previous citation was observed correct on this date. The Director stated proper knowledge about the Center's policies and procedures regarding reporting requirements.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2025

Prior Visits: 02/01/2023, 08/23/2022

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff interactions with children were safe, appropriate, and promoted a positive learning environment as required.

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

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that 10 of 11 cribs in classroom B - 2nd R - Infants did not have tight-fitting sheets as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Prior Visits: 04/03/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2025

Prior Visits: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.09(1)(I)3. - Previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff had current and valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.