



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:00 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-58479

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/03/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2023	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	Room A(Entrance Area)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B-(Back Near Kitchen)		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room C(Beside Office Area)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D(Back Room)	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	20	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	6	6	10	4	0	0

Comments

Visit completed and new training requirements were discussed.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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 # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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 # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Comment

Documentation procedures were discussed.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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)**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 observation that the following potentially hazardous items were stored accessible to children:

-Room A- toilet brush on a shelf in the bathroom, a bottle of bubbles on a shelf

-Room C- cleaning products in a cabinet under the sink

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: 7/14/2025**Prior Visits: 08/08/2023****Recited on 7/14/2025****Correction Deadline: 7/3/2024****Prior Visits: 07/03/2024****Corrected on 7/14/2025**

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the toilet seat had been repaired.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the top left fence pole was detached from the fence and posed a potential entrapment hazard. It was further determined that there was a large opening at the bottom left portion of the gate which posed a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2025**Prior Visits: 05/09/2023****Recited on 7/14/2025**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the right handle bar was missing on a pink tricycle which posed a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there was a broken gray seesaw on the ground near the left rear area of the playground. It was further determined that there was overgrown brush along the fence and accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2025

Prior Visits: 05/09/2023

Recited on 7/14/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(1) requires that food be in sound condition, free from spoilage and contamination and safe for human consumption. Eggs, pork, pork products, poultry and fish shall be thoroughly cooked. All raw fruits and vegetables shall be washed thoroughly before being cooked or served. Foods not subject to further washing or cooking before serving shall be stored in such a manner as to be protected against contamination. Meats, poultry, fish, dairy products and processed foods shall have been inspected under an official regulatory program. Hot foods shall be maintained at a temperature of one hundred forty (140) degrees Fahrenheit or above except during serving. Food and drinks shall be prepared as close to serving time as possible to protect children and Personnel from food-borne illness. It was determined based on observation that a gallon of milk with an expiration date of July 10, 2025 was stored in the center's refrigerator.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to ensure that food served is in sound condition and free from spoilage and contamination. The director or designated person will monitor the storage and preparation of food to ensure that it is safe for human consumption.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2024

Prior Visits: 07/03/2024

Corrected on 7/14/2025

.37(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant was allowed access to inspect the facility.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Prior Visits: 08/08/2023

Corrected on 7/14/2025

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all emergency drills were documented as required.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024****Corrected on 7/14/2025****.14(2) - Th previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed current training on file for staff.****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(d) requires the Center Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times.It was determined based on review of records that the Center Director did not have current evidence of successful completion of CPR and pediatric first aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director must successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid taught by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Director will send copies via email of verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024****Prior Visits: 07/03/2024**

Corrected on 7/14/2025

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a current personnel file for the Director and all Employees.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid 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.