



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/29/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 5:10 PM

**CCLC-21724**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                 |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 07/29/2025                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/30/2024                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/19/2023                         | 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                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Back Left Building              | Back Room        | Six Year Olds and Over             | 1                             | 23       | C    | 48         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play              |
| Back Left Building              | basement         | Five Year Olds                     | 1                             | 12       | C    | 38         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Centers |
| Back Left Building              | Downstairs Right | Five Year Olds                     | 1                             | 5        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                  |
| Back Left Building              | Right Room       | Five Year Olds                     | 1                             | 13       | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133 |                  |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                        |
| Main                            | 1L               | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                             | 19       | C    | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story                  |
| Main                            | 1R               | Infants                            | 4                             | 8        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play             |
| Main                            | 2L               | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                             | 12       | C    | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                |
| Main                            | 2R               | One Year Olds                      | 2                             | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Snack   |
| Main                            | 3L               |                                    | 0                             | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |                        |
| Main                            | 3R               | One Year Olds                      | 2                             | 11       | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Snack   |
| Main                            | 4L               | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2                             | 14       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play              |
| Main                            | 4R               | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                             | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time            |

|                                 |                 |               |   |    |                               |    |   |    |    |                      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|----|-------------------------------|----|---|----|----|----------------------|
| Main                            | 5R              | Two Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C                             | 23 | C | NA | NA | Snack, Transitioning |
| Main                            | 6R              | Two Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C                             | 23 | C | NA | NA | Story, Transitioning |
| Main                            | Far Back Middle |               | 0 | 0  | C                             | 25 | C | NA | NA |                      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240 |                 |               |   |    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |    |   |    |    |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 162 |                 |               |   |    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |    |   |    |    |                      |

| Building | Playground             | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A-Infants and Toddlers | 102                  | C                     |
| Main     | B- Preschool           | 93                   | C                     |
| Main     | C- School Age          | 79                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 8                 | 18      | 44      | 22      | 16      | 30                 | 23                |

#### Comments

Reminders effective July 1, 2025:

All new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. Programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

All Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

All staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a LS:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024**

**Prior Visits: 09/30/2024, 05/10/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2025**

**.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all classrooms potentially hazardous materials such as the cleaners in spray bottles and plastic gloves and wet wipes stored in a locked area and inaccessible to children.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and calmness corner was observed as a space in the classrooms for children to go to when redirecting challenging behaviors.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

**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.

**Comment**

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