



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/20/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-3361**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                            |               | <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. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/20/2025                  | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/16/2024                  | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/19/2024                  | 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     | 101      | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 14       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main     | 102      | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 9        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | 103      | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 1     | 10       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Art |
| Main     | 104      | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 14       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main     | 106      | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 8        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main     | 110      | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 1     | 9        | C    | 12         | C            | 17         | C            | Circle Time |
| Main     | 112      | Infants                            | 2     | 5        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play  |
| Main     | 114      | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 6        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap         |
| Main     | 115      | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 5        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | 116      | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 7        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | 117      | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 9        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Art |
| Main     | 118      | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 8        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main     | 119      | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 9        | C    | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch       |
| Main     | 120      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 11       | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | Main:101 |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use  |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 230

Total # Children this Date: 124

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| Building | Playground | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | Front      | 25                      | C                        |
| Main     | REAR       | 72                      | C                        |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 18                | 31      | 37      | 44      | 13      | 8                  | 0                 |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and a Complaint Investigation.

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.decga.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:**

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

**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 Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultants discussed regular maintenance to address peeling paint.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024**

**Corrected on 2/20/2025**

**.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed potentially hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies were stored to be inaccessible to children as required.**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(14) requires the Center to be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. The Consultants discussed with the Director to ensure that enough light is provided within the classroom during rest periods so that staff can continue to properly observe and supervise children as required.

**Correction Deadline: 3/22/2025**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Defer****Technical Assistance**

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. The Consultants discussed with the Director to ensure that bolts do not extend more than two threads.

**Correction Deadline: 2/20/2025****Defer**

591-1-1-.26(8)- Citation deferred due to Rear Playground not being in use. Consultant observed that mulch was ordered for the Rear Playground.

**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: 12/26/2024****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**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.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

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