



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-35251
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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.
03/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/19/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/19/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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.

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 1st Left - NursingRoom	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C 3rd Left- infants	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	D 4th Left - Two Year Olds	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Nap
Main	E 5th Left- older two's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap,Lunch
Main	F 6th Left - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G 1st Right	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	H 2nd right- toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	J 3rd Right - Three Year Olds	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	K 4th Right - Afterschool Room		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L 5th Right - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	M 6th Right - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	N 7th Right - GA Pre-K		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Total # Children this Date: 96

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Front Left	23	C
Main	B Front Right	23	C
Main	C right side	189	C
Main	D Back Left	167	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	14	20	24	64	0	59

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow-up on previous citations.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

Corrected on 3/5/2025

.03(9) - Previous citation corrected consultant observed children engaged in appropriate activities on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that in the Main E 5th Left Classroom, the kitchen sink set was missing cabinet doors.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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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 consultant observed eleven out of eleven classrooms with baby wipes, plastic bags, and zip lock bags accessible to the children which could be a potential hazard.

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: 3/5/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(7) - Please ensure that all classrooms drawers and cabinets remain latched or locked.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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:

Playground A (front left)

* The green turf near the climbing equipment had a rip near the stairs which posed a tripping hazard.

Playground C (right side)

Basketball court is under repair and not in use at this time.

Playground D (back left)

* Splintered wood was present along the walkway area leading to the playground.

* Tree roots were present and not highlighted throughout the playground area which posed as a tripping hazard.

* Pine straw and pine cones were present throughout the playground area which posed as a tripping hazard.

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: 3/26/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

	Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

Corrected on 3/5/2025

.07(2) - The previous citation was corrected in that the staff received training on completing incident reports and procedures for reporting incidents to management.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards. The director stated that the vehicle with tag number XEY946 was not in use on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.