



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/9/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:40 AM **Departure:** 5:40 PM

CCLC-38943

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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.
12/09/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/24/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/14/2025	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
Building 2	1L Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	1R Pre-K		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	2L Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	NC	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	2R School Age	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	3L School Age		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Main	A /1L	Infants	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B/2L	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C/3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D/4L	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E/5L		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	F/6L	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G/1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	H/2R	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I/3R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	J/4R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap

Main	K/5R	Three Year Olds	1	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L/6R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 231					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 155					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Building 2	421	C
Main	PG A/Right	158	C
Main	PG B/Left	162	C

Comments

12-09-2025- LSIS discussed the weather chart with the director on this date.

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.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@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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the center had equipment secured adequately and stabilized on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.12(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the center had a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for every age group.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that all hazardous items were locked and inaccessible to children on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.25(3) - The metal strip underneath the window was not secured and had sharp exposed edges was observed near the wall in the middle of Main PG A/Right playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025

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 fence did not measure 4 feet in height as required on the following playgrounds and posed a safety hazard:

Building 2

- The front left close to the building wall measured 44 inches.
- The front left close to the building measured 46 inches.
- The front right middle measured 47 inches.

Main PG B/Left

- The front left close to the building measured 45 1/2 inches.

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: 12/23/2025

Recited on 12/9/2025

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 that the playground was not free of hazards, as an active ant bed was observed near the wall in the middle of the Main PG A/Right playground.

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: 12/12/2025

Recited on 12/9/2025

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Corrected on 12/9/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have documentation of completing the health and safety orientation training on file on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- The previous citation was deferred because the center has until December 31, 2025, to complete the required 10 hours of annual training

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025