



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/26/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-15185

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Same

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.
08/26/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/18/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/18/2025	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
Building 2	A- After school		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 95					
Main	A- Infant room	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Transitioning
Main	B- Three and four-year-old room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	27	C	Outside,Transitioning,Lunch,Na p
Main	C- One-year-old room	One Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Free Play
Main	D- Two-year-old room	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch,TV,Outside,Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 95					
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 87		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 95					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	After school playground	76	C
Main	Plygrd-3s,4s	24	C
Main	Plygrd-toddler	5	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	9	8	9	7	0	25

Comments

A copy of the visit report was left with the Provider on this date. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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 Main B- Three and four-year-old room, a white piece of shelving furniture with sharp corners was unassembled and laying in the front left area of the classroom which posed a hazard to the children in care. It was further determined that in Main D- Two-year-old room, a set of black leather furniture had multiple areas that were torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2025

Prior Visits: 01/24/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the in Main D-Two-year-old room, a dark blue rug at the front of the classroom and a light colored grey and blue rug near the bathroom were covered in dirt smudges, debris, frayed edges, and were not tight and smooth. It was further determined that areas of wood flooring were cracked and peeling in Main A- Infant room, Main B- Three and four-year-old room left bathroom behind the toilet, and at the back entrance to Main D- Two-year-old room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025**Prior Visits: 08/21/2023****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 in Main B- Three and four-year-old room, a can of Lysol disintegrate spray was stored in a low, unlocked cabinet and within the reach of children.

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: 8/26/2025**Prior Visits: 09/20/2024**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 on Main Plygrd-toddler, the bright green airplane riding structure had two handle bars that were covered in rust and chipped paint.

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: 9/5/2025**Prior Visits: 01/24/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure that resilient surface measures at least 6 inches throughout areas under large play structures and swings.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025**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 on Main Plygrd-3's,4s, two square wooden posts measuring 3 inches in length were exposed through the surface of the playground and posed a tripping hazard to the children in care.

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: 8/26/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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 on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) - New - Discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.al.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2025**Safety****Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

Prior Visits: 06/18/2025

Corrected on 8/26/2025

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Pleasant interactions and appropriate discipline methods were observed in all classrooms and by all staff members on this date. All staff members stated that redirection and age-appropriate time out methods were utilized as forms of discipline as needed.

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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on staff statements and a review of records that Staff #10 did not complete health and safety orientation within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

Prior Visits: 01/24/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2026

Corrected on 8/26/2025

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff member files contained evidence of having completed at least 10 hours of diverse annual training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, 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.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.