



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/3/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-31300
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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. 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.
12/03/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/12/2023	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
Total # Children this Date:		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:								

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	1	3	1	1	0	13

Comments

A copy of food preparation fact sheet was left with the Director.

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.decal.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 user id 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@decal.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 Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

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

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 observations that Playground C had sticks and branches along the walkway, 2 1/2 inches of stagnant water in a sensory table, mildew and dirty towels in a black crate, and exposed tree roots.

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: 12/10/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observations that dinosaur shaped chicken nuggets that measured 3 inches were served to toddlers without being cut into pieces 1/4 inch as required. It was further determined that dinosaur chicken nuggets that measured 3 inches were served to 3-year-olds without being cut into pieces 1/2 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.15(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no meat balls being served or listed on the menu on this date.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The diapering pad in Room C was smooth and nonporous as required on this date.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

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/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence on file of completed and marked annual safety check and annual vehicle safety inspection conducted on September 10, 2025 for Infinity SUV as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.36(4)(f)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence on file of two children being transported from school and the seating capacity was not exceeded as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.36(7)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All information was completed and listed on the transportation logs as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The dates were listed daily on transportation logs and the times were accurate as required on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.30(1)(a)2 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no infants enrolled using crib mattresses on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were tight fitting sheets observed for cots as required and. there were no infants enrolled that required crib sheets on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/13/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2010

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.16(b)-40 Hr. Director Training Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Director had current First Aid and CPR certification of file as required with an expiration date of March, 2027.

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

Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff member #1 and #2 did not have current ten (10) hours of Annual Training on file as required.

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: 12/31/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.33(6) requires that evidence of orientation and training shall be documented and maintained in the Personnel file and/or Georgia's workforce registry and professional development system of each Staff member and shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff member #2 did not have current 2 hours of transportation training on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement procedures to review staff records for documentation of training and orientation, to obtain and place missing documentation in staff records, and to file such documents in staff records or through Georgia's workforce registry and professional development system on an ongoing basis.

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2025

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2026

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.31(1)(b)2. - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Director had a Master's Degree on file as required on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records that the Director did not have 40 hours of Director's training on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2026

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observations that two 2-year-olds were housed with children three and older on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.