



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-35657**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                            |               | <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. |
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| 03/13/2025                         | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/13/2024                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/13/2024                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | 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                 |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| First Floor                    | A    | Infants                            | 2                               | 7        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside               |
| First Floor                    | B    | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 8        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside               |
| First Floor                    | C    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                               | 9        | C    | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play            |
| First Floor                    | D    | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 7        | C    | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                 |
| First Floor                    | E    | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                               | 7        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Diapering |
|                                |      |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67  |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                       |
| Second Floor                   | F    | Five Year Olds and GA PreK         | 2                               | 15       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside               |
| Second Floor                   | G    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 19       | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers               |
| Second Floor                   | H    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2                               | 18       | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside               |
|                                |      |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73  |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 90 |      |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 16                       | 17             | 24             | 23             | 21             | 7                         | 0                        |

#### **Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to complete the licensing study and follow-up to the corrections of the 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.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:**

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@decga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decga.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 Licensing Study:

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**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.

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 9/13/2024

**Corrected on** 3/13/2025

**.19(1) - Consultant observed on this date 8 infants in classroom number eight.**

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Corrected on 3/13/2025

.25(13) - Consultant observed on this date there was no hazardous supplies or equipment accessible to the children.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the ceiling vent in the bathroom of room G was inoperable when the light switch was not on.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2025

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Met

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly and left in infant's classroom.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

**Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers and stored above ground.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Corrected on 3/13/2025

.17(7) - Consultant observed on this date proper hand washing throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Corrected on 3/13/2025

.17(8) - Consultant observed on this date proper hand washing throughout the center.

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

Met

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures**

**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**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****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.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024**

**Corrected on 3/13/2025**

**.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant observed each sheet in the infants classroom were covered with tight fitting sheets.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 requires that a light cover be available for each child's use on a cot or mat and shall be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that two children in Room H, three children in Room G and one child in Room F lacked a covering for their cot.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that a light cover is available for each child and will meet the requirements for laundering.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2025**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024**

**Corrected on 3/13/2025**

**.09(1)(c) - It was determined based on review of staff records and KOALA Outback that all staff had a current satisfactory criminal background check.**

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024**

Corrected on 3/13/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - Criminal background check was found to be complete for each staff person on this date.

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center .

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of the staff records two of the 27 records lacked evidence that the staff had been given orientation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their staff's assignment to children or task.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on review of staff records 12 of the 27 records reviewed lacked the name of the person that given the orientation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.