



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/24/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-46274

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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.
06/24/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/17/2025	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
05/01/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	

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		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B - 2nd Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - Back		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D - Back Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E - 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play
Main	F - 1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 11					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - 3 and up	81	C
Main	B -6wks - 2 yrs old	24	C

Comments

The consultant went over the report with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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@decgal.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 POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025

Prior Visits: 12/07/2022

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the right amount of resilient surface.

Food Service

591-1-1.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.15(6)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the classroom receiving their lunch at 11:00 a.m. on today's visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(c)1 - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(d) - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was corrected. The center is currently not doing transportation at this time due to staffing. Transportation stopped on May 1, 2025.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025

Prior Visits: 10/03/2023

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.33(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant reviewed staff member #1 Nutrition Training.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- The consultant will review staff annual training on the next licensing study visit.

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: 1/1/2026

Prior Visits: 09/23/2024

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.31(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the director being in charge of today's visit.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.32(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed each classroom with appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2025

Prior Visits: 05/01/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed adequate supervision on today's visit.