



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/4/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM

Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-53646

KinderCare Learning Center #1690

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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.
03/04/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/02/2025	Complaint Closure	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
Main	Ga Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside ,Free Play
Main	GA Pre-k	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time,Free Play
Main	Ga Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	Infants	Infants	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play
Main	Kindergarten		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	One Year Old	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room F (back)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
Main	Room F (front right)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	Room F (front)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	Room I	GA PreK	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Two Year Old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Two Year Old (Back)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 127

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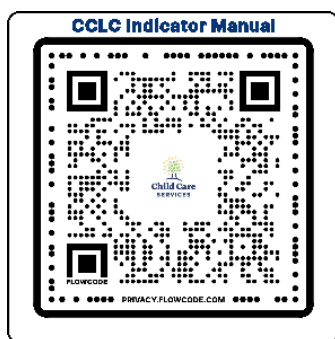
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	50	C
Main	Playground B (Preschool)	73	C
Main	Playground C (School Age)	65	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	16	20	25	78	0	18

Comments

Visit report was discussed with Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary 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 on this date.

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 Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring child files are filled out completely.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring all ventilation systems in bathrooms are in working order and clean.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

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) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring hazardous items are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026

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

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring fencing and all playground equipment is clean and in good repair. Additionally, Consultant and Director discussed ensuring there are no tripping hazards such as holes and rips within the playground's turf.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring foods in the shape of the trachea are not being served to children under 3-years-old.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring jewelry is not worn around children's necks.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

591-1-1-.20(5) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring unused medications are returned to children's parents.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant and Director discussed requirement for amendment prior to using changed space. Program was directed to submit amendment for changes already made.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that tornado drills had not been completed within the last year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2026**Safety**

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Observed complete first aid kits and approved fire extinguishers on vehicles on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(b) - Consultant and Director discussed ensuring all staff complete an in-person portion of pediatric first aid and CPR training.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.