



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/3/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:05 AM

Departure: 12:15 PM

CCLC-57173

CAST - Christian School

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
06/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/12/2026	Initial-TA	NA	
11/04/2025	Licensing Study	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
Building B	I-3's & Up		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main Building	Room A 1/2 year olds	Infants and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building	Room B 4/5 Year olds		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room C Infants		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room D 3/4 year olds		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 5			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

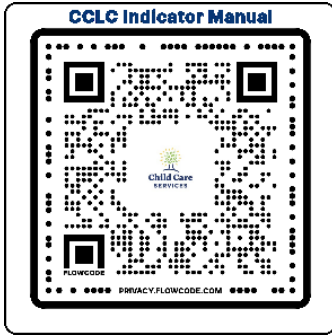
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground A	92	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	0	3	3	0	0	0

Comments

The report was reviewed with clerical staff Latoya Hylton.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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.dec.al.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.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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.03(13) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a daily schedule in Room D.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.12(4) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the television in Room C to be mounted to the wall.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.08(5) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current attendance records for the current children enrolled.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.06(4) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed an operable ventilation in the Room D bathroom.

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.25(12) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any space heaters in Room A and Room C.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.25(3) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the bathrooms in Room A and Room D to have working lights.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.26(7) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Coca-Cola Vending Machine was removed from the playground.

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 the playground had three active ant beds. It was further observed that there were several black bags of trash, garden shears, a car tire, a container of Varathene Poly-Stain.

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: 6/3/2026

Recited on 6/3/2026

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.15(2)(d) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The staff stated that infants bottles are not propped, that the staff members assist in infant feeding.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.15(3) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed infant bottles to be stored in the kitchen refrigerator.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.18(5) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed thermometers in the kitchen refrigerator.

Health and Hygiene

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in Room A an infant was observed with pacifier attached to their clothing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Recited on 6/3/2026

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.10(2) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed operable sinks in Rooms A and C.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing surface in Room C was quilted and porous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.17(8) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.21(3) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current emergency situation drills.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.30(1)(a) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a crib for the one infant enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.30(2) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. Safe sleep was discussed with staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.30(2)(c) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any infants sleeping. Staff stated that the infants are immediately moved to cribs if they fall asleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/13/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation that Staff # 5 was present at the licensed center without submitting both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation that Staff # 5 was present at the center without a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. Staff # 5 was employed for the exempt program that used the same facility but not the same licensed space.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will implement a standardized hiring and onboarding protocol that requires verification of a current and satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check (CRC) Determination prior to an employee's first day on-site. This includes maintaining a pre-employment checklist, assigning a designated staff member to review CRC documentation, confirming that the clearance date is within 12 months of the hire date, and ensuring that no individual is present at the Center while children are in care or residing at the Center (if age 17 or older) without an approved CRC Determination on file to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date.

The center will maintain an ongoing compliance monitoring system that includes tracking CRC expiration dates, conducting quarterly internal audits of personnel files, using a tracking log or software with alerts for renewals, and immediately removing any staff member from duty if their CRC lapses or becomes non-compliant until proper clearance is obtained to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.14(1) - The Consultant observed current and valid CPR and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid for Staff # 1.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(d) requires the Center Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times. It was determined based on a review of records that the director did not have a current and valid CPR and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director must successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid taught by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Director will send copies via email of verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.14(3) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the missing Insect-sting-preparation and protective eye wear.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.24(1) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed complete personnel files for the four current employees.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.33(1) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed documentation of Initial Center orientation for all current employees.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the complete Health and safety training orientation for Staff # 1, Staff # 5 was no longer employed.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 6/3/2026

.33(4) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the director to have complete the four clock hours of food and nutrition training.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that the lead teacher in classroom A did not meet the lead teacher education requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Recited on 6/3/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

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 observation that in Room A there was one infant, three 2-year-olds, and three 3-year-olds housed together.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.