



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/20/2026 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:10 AM Departure: 11:50 AM

CCLC-14189

Kids Like Me Childcare and Learning Center

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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.
03/20/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/18/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	

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 1 Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Main	B Infants: 2 Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: 3rd Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D: 4th Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: 5th Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	F: 6th Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: 3rd Right		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	H: 2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I: 1st Right	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Outside(3-12 years)	29	C
Main	B outside(Infants-2 years)	37	C
Main	Outside Water play	7	C

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Assistant Director Phyllis Harvey.



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@dec.al.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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Classroom D

- A peeling green couch was observed near the entrance door.

Classroom F:6th Left

- A peeling blue couch was observed near the entrance door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Recited on 3/20/2026

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.25(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the tile in the restroom in classroom G:3rd Right was observed repaired.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the items were observed repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A

- Rust was observed on both of the swing chain triangular hooks.
- Rust was observed on the climbing fire pole.
- A loose picnic table was observed in front of the swings.

Playground B

- Rust was observed on 4 of 4 swing chains.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A

- 4 inches of resilient surface was observed under the blue climbing pole when 6 inches was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/20/2026

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.15(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected as bottles were observed labeled in classroom A 1 Left.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.17(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected as Staff were observed cleaning children's noses throughout the program.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - Please ensure that Staff wash hands after cleaning children's noses with gloves.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Organization

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.38(4)(k) - Please ensure that the Center post notice of revocation to be visible to the Parents and others throughout the pendency of the revocation including throughout any appeal period.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - Please ensure to update the license to the current year.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.05(2) requires Center Staff to confine animals in pens or covered areas except during specific teacher-directed learning experiences and to keep animal pens and confinement areas clean. It was determined based on observation that the turtle aquarium did not have a cover on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain and keep animals in a suitable pen or covered area except when a teacher is using the animal in a specific learning experience. If needed, the pen or covered area will be cleaned and the Center will develop and follow a plan to keep the area clean.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the annual safety check for vehicle tag number #GGE062 was not observed on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/20/2026

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the metal hooks were determined to be needed for car seats.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected as the Consultant observed the Staff person in classroom A 1 left lie an infant in the crib on their back.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided 1 file for employees hired since last visit.

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 3/20/2026

.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as Staff person # 2 present a current and valid first aid and CPR certification. Staff person #4 was no longer employed at the program.