



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 4/1/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-39002

Carrington Academy at Kelly Mill

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Same

Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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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| 04/01/2026                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/01/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/14/2025                  | Licensing Study  | 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     | A/ 1R                            | Infants                            | 1     | 7        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Transitioning, Floor Play |
| Main     | B/ 1L                            | Infants                            | 2     | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Nap, Floor Play       |
| Main     | C/ 2L                            | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2     | 12       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                          |
| Main     | Center Court                     |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                     |
| Main     | D/ 2R                            | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 9        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning                  |
| Main     | E/ 3R                            | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 18       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning                  |
| Main     | F/ 4R ( Potty Trained Only 2's ) | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 16       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                            |
| Main     | G/ 3L                            | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 17       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                      |
| Main     | H/ 4L                            | Four Year Olds                     | 2     | 17       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                          |
| Main     | I/ 5L                            | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 1     | 8        | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                            |
| Main     | J/ 6L                            | GA PreK                            | 2     | 17       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                        |
| Main     | K/ Back center                   | GA PreK                            | 2     | 18       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story                          |
| Main     | L/ 5R                            | GA PreK                            | 2     | 19       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                        |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 164

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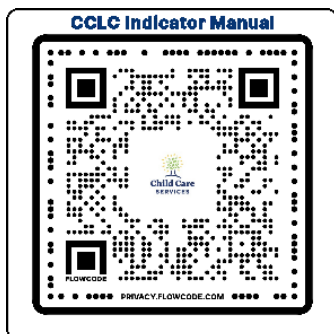
| Building | Playground      | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
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| Main     | A/ Left side    | 84                      | C                        |
| Main     | B/ Back         | 100                     | C                        |
| Main     | C/ Right side   | 58                      | C                        |
| Main     | Water play area | 11                      | C                        |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 6                 | 27      | 34      | 41      | 40      | 70                 | 2                 |

#### Comments

A copy of this report was provided on this date.

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.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.

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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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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.

**Facility**

**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)**

Not Met

**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 in Room C-2L the wall had a large area of active peeling paint on the back right corner wall and in Room G-3L there was an area of active peeling paint below the cubbies.

**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: 4/8/2026**

**Recited on 4/1/2026**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that gates on the outdoor fence do not have gaps that measure wider than 3.5 inches or more.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**

**Health and Hygiene**

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| <b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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|  | <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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