



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/5/2026

VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-1843

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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.
01/05/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/05/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/16/2025	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	1st Left	Infants	2	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Left	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3rd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Caeteria		0	0	C	78	C	NA	NA	
Main	Lirbary (Third Floor)		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Media Room (Third Floor)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 1 (Third Floor)		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1 (Second Floor)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 2 (Second Floor)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2 (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 3 (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	31	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 280			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 289							
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 280							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 289							

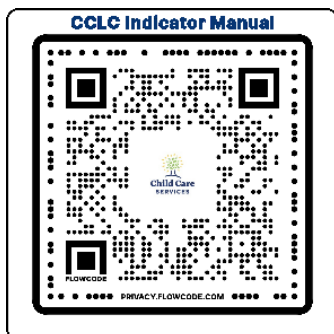
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Left	4	C
Main	Front left	8	C
Main	Large Left	36	C
Main	Right	48	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
32	26	37	33	13	0	0

Comments

A plan of improvement developed 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

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!



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Corrected on 1/5/2026

.12(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the two large rugs in the 1st Right Classroom were in need of being cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

Cafeteria:
two brooms

1st Right/2nd Right Restroom:
two brooms and dust pans

2nd Right:
broom by diapering station

3rd Floor Restroom:
plunger

3rd Room (3rd Floor)
stapler and thumb tack on a shelf near door

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the rubber around the floor in the cafeteria is in need of repair and the red door (outside) on the small playground was chipping paint. All correction need to be corrected by January 20, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the fencing on the small left playground need to be monitored to ensure it meets the four-foot requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

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 on the large playground sweet gum balls were present throughout and the wooden barrier had chipped wood.

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: 1/5/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on observation that in the 4th Right Classroom a child was not provided milk for breakfast. The center did not have paperwork on file for the child not being provided milk.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines and will offer and serve seconds to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed talking with parents about outside foods. A child was observed to have donuts and blueberries in the two-year-old room.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(6)(b) requires that food and beverages be served in individual plates or bowls and with individual glasses or cups. It was determined based on observation that in the 3rd Right Classroom children were eating off the feeding table and individual plates were not provided.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will use individual food service items to serve food and beverages.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Corrected on 1/5/2026

.15(7) - Center men observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observed that in the 4th Right Classroom the diapering station was not adjacent to the diapering sink.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink is located adjacent to each diapering area, that flush sinks are not used for handwashing, and that the department has approved cleansing procedures in other facilities, if applicable.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Corrected on 1/5/2026

.10(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the 2nd Right Classroom a staff member cleaned a child's nose and did not wash hands after.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Recited on 1/5/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(c)2 prohibits a Center from providing care or services which are beyond the capability of the License Holder to provide when the Department, at its discretion, issues a restricted License in lieu of a temporary of regular License. The restriction may also limit the number and/or age of the children served by the Center. It was determined based on paperwork from Macon Bibb Business Development that children under the age of five could not be present on the third floor and the center had children 2-year-old to 4-year-old present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Care as noted will be discontinued; the Center will comply with restrictions of the License.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center added a playground with no amendment submitted to the department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2026

Recited on 1/5/2026

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) requires Center policies and procedures include a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children. It was determined based on the center policies were not updated to include how shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and behavior issues will be handled.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will write or revise policies and procedures to include the required description of the Center's practices used to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years or age.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2026

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that six of 11 crib mattresses in the 1st Left Classroom, three of 11 crib mattresses in the 2nd Left and five of 11 crib mattresses in the 3rd Left Classroom were observed to be non porous in that they had a quilted pattern.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2026

Recited on 1/5/2026

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)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st Right Classroom a ratio of one staff member to nine 1-year-old children was observed. The staff indicated that she was about to call for the child to be moved, but never called and the other staff in the classroom came in as consultant was walking out.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Right, 4th Right and 3rd Left children under the age of 36 months were observed to be eating and staff members were not seated within arm's length of the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026