



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/1/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-50784

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Same

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.
06/01/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/10/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	Infants	1	2	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Not In Use
Main	H	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 31

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	217	C
Main	B	21	C

Comments

The findings on this report were reviewed with the Director 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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom floor on the left floor is protruding throughout the middle causing potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

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 potential hazards were present on this day:

Bathroom (Left)

- Three out of six toilets had protruding screws protruding from the base.

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: 8/3/2026

Recited on 6/1/2026

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant and the Director discussed ensuring that all outdoor equipment on Main A and Main B are free of mildew.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2026

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 the following hazards are present on this date:

Main A:

- Active ant beds throughout the left front, middle and back of the playground.
- Branches through the front, middle and back of playground causing sharp edges.
- Five wooden planks on the front right with exposed protruding nails causing sharp edges.
- There were exposed tree roots on the left middle causing tripping hazards.

Main B:

- There were branches throughout the front and middle causing sharp edges.
- Active ant beds throughout the left front and middle.

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. Center Director has a repair work day planned on Saturday, May 6, 2026 to assist with the improvement of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Recited on 6/1/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Corrected on 6/1/2026

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed staff remind a child wash hands upon entering the classroom as required.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Corrected on 6/1/2026

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed completed Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site prior to being present at the site as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Corrected on 6/1/2026

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for all staff as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Corrected on 6/1/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed completed most recent recently determination letter for all staff as required.