



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/20/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-54837
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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.
01/20/2026	Monitoring Visit	Support	
09/29/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/23/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	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 Building	A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	B		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	C		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	D		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	E		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 7			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Four-Year-Old-School Age PG	30	C
Main Building	Three-Year-Old PG	16	C
Main Building	Two-Year-Old PG	26	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	3	3	1	0	12

Comments

The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/03/2026

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.decgal.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@decgal.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.12(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. Equipment and chairs were observed to be appropriately sized on this date.

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.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.26(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. The bottom of the gate door in the back right playground was observed to be free of gaps.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.26(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. The tricycle was removed.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. There were no active ant beds on the playgrounds.

Health and Hygiene

Finding

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that there was a 1-year-old housed in classroom A where there was not a diapering surface.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.37(e) requires the Center shall not make or condone any Staff to make a false or misleading statement to the Department in connection with any authorized investigation or inspection being conducted by the Department. It was determined that based on a review of records that Staff made false statements regarding the age of a child and approval of the child being housed with older children.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.36(4)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date. The front row seat was observed to be repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined based on a review of records that the transportation checklist did not list transported children's individual pick up locations when they picked up at the Early Learning Center, Lakeview Primary, and Midway Hills Academy.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Recited on 1/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that there were no vehicle emergency forms for 4 of 15 children transported by the center.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documents that there were no indicators for children who were transported on the afternoon route by the center for the following:

- January 5, 2026 when 10 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 6, 2026 when 10 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 7, 2026 when 10 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 8, 2026 when 10 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 9, 2026 when 7 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 12, 2026 when 9 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 13, 2026 when 9 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 14, 2026 when 9 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 15, 2026 when 10 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.
- January 16, 2026 when 7 of 15 children were not accounted for when transported from Baldwin County Schools to the center.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Recited on 1/20/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation there was no Staff member with first aid/CPR present in Classroom A with valid and current first aid/CPR upon the Consultants arrival.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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 Center Director did not have first aid/CPR.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.14(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The first aid kit was observed to be complete with all required items.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) - Please ensure that employees obtain the 15-hour Health and Safety Orientation.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.33(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Food and nutrition training was observed.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026

.33(5)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. Previously cited Staff began annual diverse training for current year.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there were not enough Staff present upon the Consultant's arrival to ensure compliance without neglecting the supervision of the children. It was further determined that the Consultant waited for Staff to arrive to be let inside the facility.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 there was a 1-year-old child mixed with children who were 3-years-old in Classroom A.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.