



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/8/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:10 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-67309

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
04/08/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/28/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	Room A-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	30	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	Room B Two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room C Two's		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room D Three's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E Three's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F Four's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room G Afterschool	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room H One's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

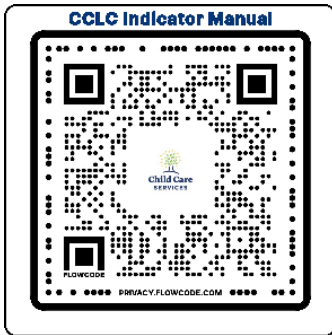
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Middle Playground A	114	C
Main	Playground B (Left)	17	C
Main	Playground B (Right)	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	12	14	8	8	0	15

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Kierra Hughley.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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(j)(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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure removing the wobbly broom stand from classroom D Three's. Please ensure removing the cracked blue chair from classroom G Afterschool.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

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.

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

Not Met

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 observed:

Classroom B Two's

- Two red bookbag with first aid materials were observed hanging from the back cubby on the left side of the classroom.
- Aquaphor was observed stored in the cubby on the left side of the classroom.
- Diaper wipes and gloves were observed stored on top of the sink area accessible to children in care.
- An empty plastic grocery bag was observed stored in the cubby on the left side accessible to children in care.

Classroom G Afterschool

- Diaper wipes were observed stored on top of the blue shelf near the red table.

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: 4/8/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2025

Corrected on 4/8/2026

.25(17) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as shrubs and plants were not observed on the fencing.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2025

Corrected on 4/8/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the fence was observed repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure to cover the rust on the two blue cars on Playground B Left.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed adding the ASTM certification for the poured surface to the programs files. Test data must be obtained from the manufacturer of the material when it is used. The test data should include the ASTM International (ASTM) Standard Specifications and should be maintained on file at the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that plastic grocery bags are removed from Playground B Left.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Please ensure that infants hands are washed after diapering. Washcloth handwashing can be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely and for children with special needs.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the vehicle is free of litter.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Please monitor the expiration dates on the car seats in the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Please ensure that driver or other designated staff person documents 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.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. - Please ensure to mark the signature space with N/A when transportation is not provided.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2025

"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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 11 hired on December 9, 2025, did not have a current or valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training certification on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

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 a review of records that Staff # 11 hired on December 9, 2025 and observed in classroom H, did not have a current or valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training certification on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file. It is best practice for independent contractors to complete orientation and first-aid/CPR training if they are providing direct care services to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

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(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 children younger than 3-years-old were house in classroom B Two's with children 3-years-old and older on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.