



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/12/2026 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

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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.
03/12/2026	MV POI Follow Up	Deficient	
01/27/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
01/09/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	2-1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	3-1st Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	4-2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	5-2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Clean Up
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	6-3rd right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
New Wing	10-2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
New Wing	11-3Rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
New Wing	12-3Rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
New Wing	14-4th Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Clean Up
New Wing	7-1st Left	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Feeding
New Wing	8-1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch

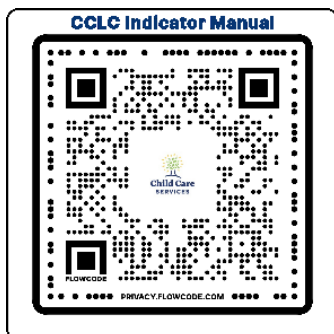
New Wing	9-2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Second Wing Upstairs	201		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	203		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	204		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 108			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/26/2026



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.

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 MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that there was a white mini refrigerator sitting on a white cube shelf in the back right corner of Classroom 4-2nd Right, not secured, wobbly, and accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Recited on 3/12/2026

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2026

Corrected on 3/12/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards in Room 4-2nd Right, there were also no hazards in 14th- 4th Right and they are no longer allowing backpacks in the room.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure the hole under the back beige slide gets repaired in order to prevent a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

Corrected on 3/12/2026

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children were observed washing their hands at all proper times.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

Corrected on 3/12/2026

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff was observed to wash their hands at appropriate times or state proper knowledge.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation and Staff statement in Room 7-1st Left that crib sheets were not being changed daily or more often, as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 61

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 22

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 32

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 42

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 46

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 50

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2025

"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 observation Staff #15, with a hire date of December 15, 2025, Staff #21, with a hire date of November 12, 2025, Staff #32, with a hire date of January 21, 2026, Staff #42, with a hire date of January 7, 2026, Staff #46, with a hire date of January 16, 2026, and Staff #50 with a hire date of December 15, 2025 did not have evidence of current CPR and first aid certification.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 the Staff in Room 2-1st Right and 8-1st Right were setting up for nap time during mealtime, not sitting within arm's reach of the children as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 3/12/2026