



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/1/2026

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:55 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-35355

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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.
04/01/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/12/2026	MV POI Follow Up	Deficient	
01/27/2026	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
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	2-1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
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	4	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	5-2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Story,Nap
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	6-3rd right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
New Wing	10-2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,Floor Play
New Wing	11-3Rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	12-3Rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	14-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	7-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
New Wing	8-1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Story

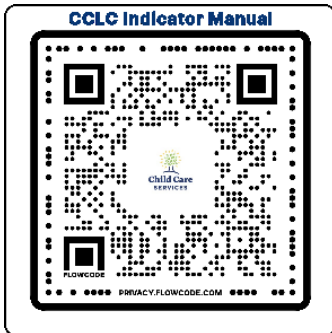
New Wing	9-2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Second Wing Upstairs	201		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	203		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not 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: 109		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: No Plan Developed



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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Corrected on 4/1/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The mini refrigerator in Classroom 4-2nd Right was secured to the wall as well as the shelf and the shelf was anchored to the wall.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

Corrected on 4/1/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff in Room in 7-1st Left stated that sheets are laundered daily or more often as needed.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

Corrected on 4/1/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff # 21, Staff # 32, Staff # 42, and Staff #50 from the previous visit all had documentation of first aid and CPR with an expiration date of March 27, 2028. Staff #46 from the previous visit no longer works at the facility.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Corrected on 4/1/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff in Room 2-1st Right and 8-1st Right stated they sit at the table within arms length of children at mealtime.