



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/30/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-2426

Bethesda Baptist Church Childcare Center
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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/30/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/20/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/27/2025	Complaint Closure	Deficient	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Single	Afterschool 1		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Single	Afterschool 2		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Single	Afterschool 3		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Single	Busybees	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Butterflies	One Year Olds	1	50	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Caterpillars	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Creepers	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Crickets		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Single	Cuddlebugs	Infants	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Single	Dragonflies	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Single	Fireflies		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Single	Grasshoppers		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	Honeybees	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	Superstars		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Single	Twinklers	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	1st right infant - 2	18	C
Single	2nd right 2 -4	42	C
Single	Back Afterschool	93	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	16	13	23	12	1	32

Comments

Monitoring visit completed on January 30, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please continue to monitor all classrooms and teacher desks to ensure hazardous items are stored inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the school age playground rear metal fencing there were four fence poles missing the middle bracket to secure fencing posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure black mats placed at the bottom of slides and under swings are flush with the resilient surfacing to help prevent tripping.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(3) - Consultant reviewed with the director how to document medication that is given as needed. Parents will need to provide specific written directions on when child will need to be given medication.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please continue to monitor crib sheets to ensure they are not loose and are tight fitting. Sheets that fit properly will allow the crib mattress to lay flat in the crib.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.