



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/4/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-30955

Discovery Point #67

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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.
06/04/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/12/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/12/2025	Complaint 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
Main	1L Infant	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R Preschool 1	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2L Beginners	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	2R Preschool 2	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	3L Toddlers		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3R Preschol 3	Four Year Olds	2	24	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4R Pre-Kgtn		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	Not In Use
Main	5R Schoolage	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	30	C	36	C	50	C	Outside
Main	Cafeteria	GA PreK	1	11	C	41	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					
Total # Children this Date: 116					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler LS	18	C
Main	Preschool Right Side	57	C
Main	School Age/Back Middle	61	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	8	20	32	14	32	30

Comments

A copy of this report was provided on this date.

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.al.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.dec.al.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

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 accessible to children on this date:

- Room 1R-Preschool 1 - a spray bottle with a water and bleach solution was on the sink counter.
- Room 3R-Preschool 3 - two staff members purses were stored beside the child sized sink on the floor, a roll of plastic garbage liners was on the shelf below the counter and a spray bottle with a water, bleach mixture was present on the counter.
- Room 4R - Pre-Kgtn - a spray bottle with a water, bleach mixture was present on the counter and a container of bleach wipes were present on top of the cubbies.
- Room 5R - Schoolage - a roll of black, plastic garbage liners were present on the counter to the right of the classroom door.

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: 6/4/2026

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure the surface of the changing pad is smooth and non porous as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Corrected on 6/4/2026

.11(2) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed appropriate means of discipline on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Defer****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Defer

The bus was not present on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.