



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/9/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 5:15 PM

CCLC-1945

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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.
06/09/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/30/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/20/2025	Complaint 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
Main	A- Front Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B-Center Front	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	C-Left Front	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D Left Rear(PreK 1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	27	C	37	C	52	C	Free Play
Main	E-Center Rear	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	29	C	40	C	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	F-Right Rear	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	35	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139					
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139				

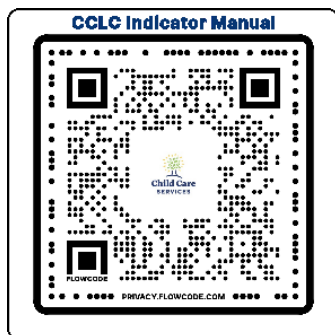
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Center Riight Rear	59	C
Main	Playground B-Left Rear	37	C
Main	Playground C-Left Side	12	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	15	20	20	15	0	44

Comments

The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Director. The consultant emailed the following documents to the Program Emergency Drills, CCLC Policies and Procedures Guide, updated Communicable Disease Chart, CCLC Emergency Plans Template, Emergency First Aid Response Aide, Reducing Risk of Choking in Young Children, Meal Patterns at a Glance, and updated Documentation of Orientation.

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.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.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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Reminder to schedules and lesson plans during summer months

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Reminder to keep bathroom vents clean and free of a buildup of dust.

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) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure items in children's cubbies are reviewed and that all items that state keep out of reach of children are inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to screws are cut and not protruding into playground area.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to excess chain on swings are removed.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to emergency plans are updated to include all required situations.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to other emergency situation drills are completed every six months.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2026

Comment

Program observed complete fire and tornado drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting Programs closed days in DECAL KOALA.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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 five files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in Center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to online only first aid/CPR is not accepted.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.24(2) - Attendance records were observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Lead staff credentials were observed current.

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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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