



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/18/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 12:50 PM

CCLC-3947
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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.
12/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/26/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/08/2024	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
Main	120 Fern	Infants	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	122 Virginia Creeper	Infants	2	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	124 Primrose	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	126 Lily	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	132 Holly	One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	134 Mulberry	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	144 Red Bud	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	146 Dogwood	One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	152 Maple	One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	164 Willow	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	166 Laurel	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	176 redwood	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	178 Silver Bells	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	180 Birch	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	182 Chesnut	Four Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	186 Elm	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	188 Hickory	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	192 Oak	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	194 Cypress	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Piazza 121-Infant		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Piazza 151-Toddler II		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Piazza Preschool		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Main	Piazza Toddler I	0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 208		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

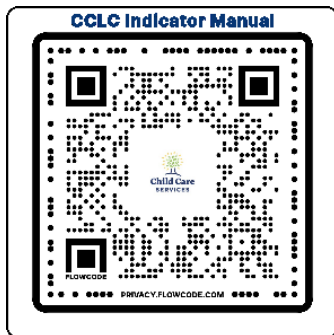
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG1-preschool/sa	46	C
Main	PG2-toddler	57	C
Main	PG3-toddler	23	C
Main	PG4-Infant/young toddler	43	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
45	41	68	47	50	5	3

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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.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.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 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)

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that protective caps are placed on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and that hanging electrical cords are made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair 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
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

	Staffing and Supervision
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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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.