



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 9/18/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:00 AM Departure: 11:05 AM

CCLC-58668

Bree's Creative Learning Preschool Childcare Center  
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 09/18/2026                  | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/22/2026                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/08/2026                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Ratios/License Capacity

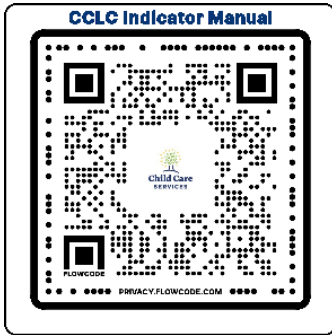
| Building                       | Room   | Age Group                 | Staff                          | Children | NC/C                           | Max 35 SF.                     | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                     |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Main                           | Room A | One Year Olds             | 1                              | 7        | C                              | 7                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch,Circle Time,Centers |
| Main                           | Room B | Infants and One Year Olds | 1                              | 5        | C                              | 13                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap,Feeding    |
| Main                           | Room C | Two Year Olds             | 1                              | 9        | C                              | 9                              | C            | 12         | C            | Nap,Circle Time,Centers   |
| Main                           | Room D | Three Year Olds           | 1                              | 10       | C                              | 18                             | C            | 25         | C            | Centers,Lunch             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47 |        |                           |                                |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 57 |                                |              |            |              |                           |
| Total # Children this Date: 31 |        |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47 |          |                                | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 57 |              |            |              |                           |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 23                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 25                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children    |                   |                                   |                                     |              |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Infant (0-12 months) | Toddler (1-2 yrs) | Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care) | School Age (before/after care only) | GA PreK only | Summer Only |
| 3                    | 20                | 12                                | 0                                   | 0            | 0           |

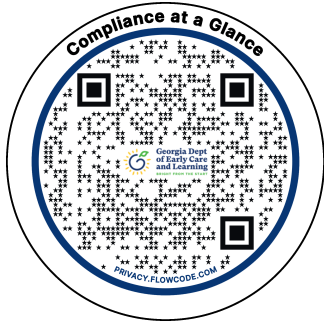
Comments

A copy of the visit report was left with the Provider on 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>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

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.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/18/2026**

.07(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There have been no further incidents in which parents of children needed to be notified, and supervision was adequate on this date.

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(6) - Please ensure that latex gloves and other diapering supplies are stored out of the reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/18/2026**

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There have been no incidents that have needed reporting to the department.

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**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

#### 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

### 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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

#### Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2026**

**Corrected on 9/18/2026**

.32(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed adequate supervision by all Staff on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/18/2026**

.32(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Children were housed with appropriate age groups in separate classrooms on this date.

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/18/2026**

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children were given direct supervision by Staff at all times.