



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

**VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 3:45 PM

**CCLC-30950**

**Little Buckaroos Childcare and Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <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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| 09/09/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/24/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/12/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | 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                 |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Building 2                      | Building 2 | Three Year Olds           | 1                               | 8        | C    | 47                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47  |            |                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                       |
| Main                            | 1st Left   | Infants and One Year Olds | 2                               | 9        | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Free Play         |
| Main                            | 1st Right  | Infants                   | 2                               | 9        | C    | 13                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Free Play         |
| Main                            | 2nd Left   | Two Year Olds             | 2                               | 19       | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main                            | 2nd Right  | One Year Olds             | 2                               | 11       | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time,Free Play |
| Main                            | Back Right | Three Year Olds           | 1                               | 12       | C    | 32                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Free Play     |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113 |            |                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 68  |            |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                       |

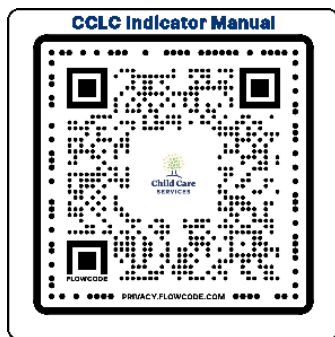
| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                   |                                   |                                     |              |             |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 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 |
| 17                       | 40                | 24                                | 33                                  | 0            | 0           |

## Comments

The Director received a copy of the visit report.

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>.



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.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.

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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**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that there were no Lesson Plans available in any of the classrooms.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.03(7)(a) - Discussed that at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, was needed for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants.

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

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

**Met**

**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**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed that the exhausts in the bathrooms needed to be operating as required and pulling the air in.

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2026**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed that all items labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" and Staff belongings needed to be stored inaccessible.

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

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed that the resilient surface in the fall zone of the slide that was 3 feet and 1 Inch high, needed to be at least 3 inches deep.

**Correction Deadline: 9/19/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed that the gravel used as resilient surface needed to be cleared of larger pieces. There was no need of resilient surface on either Playground except for the fall zone for the slide that was higher than 3 feet.

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

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**Food Service**

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018:

3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

**Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026**

Corrected on 9/9/2026

.07(5) - Previous citation was corrected as there were no hazardous items around the necks observed and Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - Discussed that room 2nd Left needed to have a functioning exhaust in the room, as it was housing 2-year-old children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed that the diaper pads needed to have no tears on the side.

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026**

Corrected on 9/9/2026

.17(7)(a) - Previous citation was corrected as proper handwashing was observed.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in room 2nd Left there was a bottle with Hyland's Organic All-In-One Cough Syrup placed on top of the cubbies. Additionally, in Building 2 there was a plastic bag in a child's book bag that contained 5 inhalers with Albuterol bottles in them, a tube with Hydrocortisone Ointment and a 2% Mupiracin Ointment

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

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

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| Organization |
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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed that an Amendment application needed to be submitted to re-measure the rooms in Building 2. Currently, there was only one room licensed there, but the space was divided into two.

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

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| Policies and Procedures |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for MFSB EZGO72 used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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****Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 8**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/27/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2013

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 19 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/26/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 20 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)** Not Met

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on review of records that in room 1st Left one Staff had a CPR/First Aid training that expired in August 2026 and one Staff did not have current training. Additionally, in room 2nd Left there were two Staff with no current CPR/First Aid training on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director had scheduled an in-person training at the center for September 12, 2026. The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

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

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Annual Training for 2025 was reviewed at visit in March, 2026 and was not reviewed at current visit.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed that a completed and signed Orientation Form needed to be in each Staff's file.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026**

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

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**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.