



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/15/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-62165

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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.
06/15/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/17/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/03/2025	Licensing Study	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 - Suite 100	Infants	1	1	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - Suite 150		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - Suite 200	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	D - Suite 250	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E - Suite 300		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F - Suite 350	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G - Suite 400		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H - Suite 450 Ga Pre-k		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I - Gym 2 Ga. Pre-k	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J - Gym 1		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K - Suite 500 Private Pre-k		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 48					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Infant/Toddler	28	C
Main	Playground B Left - School Age	150	C

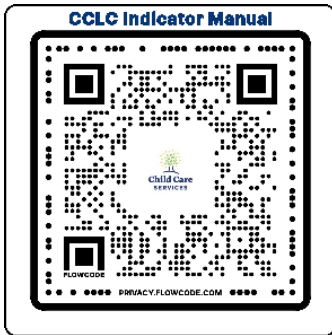
Main	Playground C - Back Right - Preschool	59	C
Main	Playground D - Front Right - Toddlers	35	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	5	12	15	9	0	5

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.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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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)

Met

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed and environment free from hazards on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience. It was determined based on observation, that on Playground A - Infant/Toddler, Playground B-Left School Age and Playground C-Back Right - Preschool, did not have 6 inches of resilient surface in the fall zone of the play structures as required. The Consultant measured 3 inches where 6 inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A-Infant/Toddler - In the left front corner of the yard the tree roots from the tree are exposed due water washing away the grass and dirt.

- Playground B Left - School Age- on the right side of the playground just before the gate to playground C, the grass and dirt washed away leaving a large step up to the concrete path and exposed the buried pipe and irrigation material which created a tripping hazard. It was further observed that one of the poles of the blue sunshade in the back left corner had padding wrapped around it that was torn with foam exposed. Additionally, the play structure in the left back corner had a plastic barrier around it that created a step that was 11 inches high which was a fall hazard due to ground deterioration from water..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2026

Recited on 6/15/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.10(4) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all changing pads to be smooth, nonporous on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Consultant observed the annual inspection reports for the current year.

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.

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.

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

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