



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/5/2025 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:05 AM

CCLC-66635
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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.
12/05/2025	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/30/2025	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	Initial 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	B1 -2 year old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2 -2 year old	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm A 6w to 12m	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	Rm C-young 2's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm D-Older/young Afterschoolers		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm E-storage		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm- F 3's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm G -3's &4's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm H - Pre K	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm- I : 9-12 older Afterschool		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm J- 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm K-6w-6mths		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infants/Toddlers	38	C

Main	C: Left Back	116	C
Main	playground B -3's &4's	47	C

Comments

The child care center received final license on this date. The facility carries liability insurance. Room D will be used as a multi-purpose room.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, covers were added to the ceiling fluorescent light fixtures.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation, rust observed on the chair and table stoppers in room D, G and I.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The rust will be removed and or chairs and tables will be replaced.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.12(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Additional chairs were added to accommodate the younger and older students.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The file was reviewed and required documentation was completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. Please make broom and dust pan inaccessible to the children in room B-2.

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(3) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. The crack light covering in room J near the restroom will be replaced, Tape was added to cover the crack areas until it can be replaced.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based observation, the following hazards were observed on playground B: rust spots on fencing and a two to three inch gap at the right from gate. Playground C fencing measured at three feet eight inches due to erosion of soil over the years and screw protrusion observed on the fence corner gate and corner poles on playground B and C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The fencing will measure at four feet in height and screw protrusions will be capped and or turned outwards.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Recited on 12/5/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.26(6) - The previous citations were corrected on this date. Equipment pieces were removed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure the chipped paint is removed from the red jungle climber on playground C.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The following hazards were removed, pile of mulch on playground B and C, no protruding nails and tree roots painted blue.

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 uneven surfacing between the concrete and the soft areas on all playgrounds.

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: 12/5/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.10(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, no food preparation items in the diapering sink area. The sink areas have been labeled.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing was not observed throughout the center on this date. The children were engaged in activities during the visit at the center.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on the previous visit.date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit.

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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 at the previous visit.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 12/5/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Proper supervision was observed throughout the center.