



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Investigation Report

Date: 3/17/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Closure from CI/MV on 02/09/2026

CCLC-66914

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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.
03/17/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/09/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/30/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Comments

February 9, 2026 - The investigative findings were not concluded on this date. The investigation remains open pending additional information. Upon completion, the findings will be reviewed with the child care program and a final copy of the report will be sent.
March 17, 2026 - The investigation was closed.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.



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Summary Report

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Arrival: 11:05 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on an investigation that on January 22, 2026, did not provide table space and a chair for a 2-year-old child when Staff was observed via video footage to place the child's lunch meal on the floor.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted. The Center will ensure that a table and chairs are provided for children that are able to site at a table unassisted in classroom B: Smart Voyagers (Infants).

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on an investigation, review of video footage revealed that on January 22, 2026, a 1-year-old child was left unattended on the diaper changing table when Staff walked away from the diaper changing table to use their cell phone. Further review of the video footage revealed that a 2-year-old child was left unattended on the diaper changing table when Staff proceeded to clean a 1-year-old child's face. A review of video footage further revealed that an infant was left unattended on the diaper changing table when Staff walked away from the diaper changing table while on their cell phone.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically. The Center will ensure that Staff never leave a child alone, turn away or move away from the child for any reason while the child is on the diaper changing surface.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2026

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on investigative findings that on January 22, 2026, Staff failed to ensure that a 2-year-old was clean, dry and comfortable when a 2-year-old child remained in soiled wet clothing while strapped in a highchair before being picked up by the Parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on investigative findings that on January 22, 2026, Staff failed to provide watchful oversight when video footage revealed that Staff exited classroom B: Smart Voyagers (Infants) leaving an infant unsupervised for in a bouncy seat for 2 minutes and 12 seconds. It was further determined based on review of the video footage revealed that Staff did not provide watchful oversight when video footage revealed that Staff left children (ages infant to 2-year-old) unsupervised throughout the day between 6 seconds to 32 seconds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2026