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Date: 4/7/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:05 AM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-2398

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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.
04/07/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2025	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
Bldg 1	A	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	22	C	Centers
Bldg 1	B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 1	C		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D		0	0	C	15	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	E	One Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg 1	F		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	g	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 1	H	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Bldg 1	I	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	21	C	Transitioning
Bldg 1	J		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	K		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	L		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	M		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg II	downstairs		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	O		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	P		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	Q		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	T- Upstairs		0	0	C	25	C	34	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	U-Upstairs		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:							

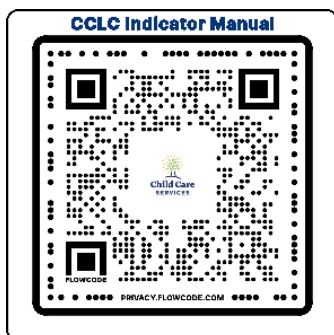
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Large	112	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	8	19	28	18	0	13

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decal.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-.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)

N/A

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom A

- There were two plastic grocery bags on a shelf at the front left of the classroom.
- There was a dust pan on the floor located at the back right of the children's bathroom.
- There was a ziplock bag with a plastic slider inside the children's cubbies located at the front right of the classroom..

Classroom E

- There were two plastic grocery bags in the children's cubbies located at the front right of the classroom.
 - There was a ziplock bag with a plastic slider inside an unlocked drawer located at the middle right of the classroom.
 - There was an unlocked cabinet with two plastic grocery bags located at the middle right of the classroom.
 - There was a tube of Nystatin Ointment USP in a child's cubby located at the back right of the classroom.
- There was a staff purse on top of the counter located at the middle right of the classroom.

Classroom G

- There was a toilet brush at the left side of the toilet inside the children's bathroom.
- There was a broom and two dust pans located at the front right of the children's bathroom.

Classroom I

- There were two ziplock bags inside the children's cubbies located at the front and back right of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Recited on 4/7/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any playground equipment hazards on this date.

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the resilient surfacing mats placed within the fall zone of the swings and slides be flush with the playground mulch and do not pose a potential tripping hazard for children.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(3) - requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the baby bottles are labeled with the child's first and last name as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have appropriate ventilation in the diapering areas as required on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

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

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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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
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
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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-.33 Staff Training	Technical Assistance
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Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant was provided documentation of Center Staff completing 10 hours of annual training for the 2025 calendar year as required on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2026

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation, that the 1:15 Staff:Child ratio was not maintained in classroom B, when there was only one staff member with sixteen children present, on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom B housed two 2-year-old children, seven 3-year-old children, six 4-year-old children, and three 5-year-old children present during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 4/7/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to maintain appropriate supervision of children as required on this date.