



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/13/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

**CCLC-2272**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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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| 05/13/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/09/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/13/2025                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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-1st Right                 | Infants and Two Year Olds | 1     | 4        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main     | B-2nd Right                 |                           | 0     | 0        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | C-3rd Right                 |                           | 0     | 0        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | D-4th                       |                           | 0     | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | E- End- 2nd Rt in Rear Hall |                           | 0     | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main     | F-Fellowship Hall           |                           | 0     | 0        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 4

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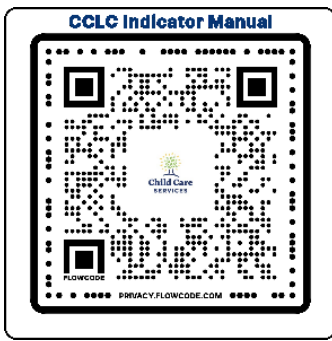
| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 68                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 2                 | 0       | 3       | 1       | 5       | 0                  | 5                 |

**Comments**

Background checks were reviewed.

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

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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@decal.ga.gov](mailto: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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed posting daily schedule in A-1st Right classroom.

**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-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

.19(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the correct capacity in classroom A-1-st Right.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation.

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

.25(8) - The previous citation observed to be corrected. All electrical outlets were covered in classroom B-2nd Right.

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) 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 on observation that there was a 7 inch gap at the bottom of the back gate to the storage area underneath the steps, that stored equipment. In addition, this gate could not locked or latched.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the gate 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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2026**

**Recited on 5/13/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation there was a wood railroad tie/border in front of the climbing structure and swings with jagged edges and two metal bolts were exposed.

-there was rust on chain links of one swing chain.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2026**

**Recited on 5/13/2026**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Discussed adding the substitution component on the menu when hot dogs are listed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(2) The consultant discussed with the Director that Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Discussed placing the diaper changing table adjacent to the classroom sink and not using the sink in the restroom for hand washing.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026**

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.21(1)(q) requires the Center to have in the Center policies and procedures a description of the safe sleep practices followed by the Center that includes the following information: the initial placement of Infants on their backs to sleep; no cover or other soft items in crib; appropriate sleep clothing for Infants to be provided by Parent; individual crib, cot or mat and bedding provided and changing and cleaning practices for these items; Infants who fall asleep in other equipment, on the floor or elsewhere will be moved to a crib to sleep; and no swaddling or positioning devices used. It was determined based on review the center did not have the safe sleep policies and procedures of safe sleep practices in one infant file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will write or revise policies and procedures to include the required description of the Center's safe sleep practices.

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**

The consultant discussed updating the policy and procedures.

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

**Comment**

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

**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**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

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**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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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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 on this date.

**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item (anti-bacteria ointment) in first aid kit.

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

**.14(1)(a) - The previous citation corrected. The Consultant observed current documentation of CPR and First aid for three of three staff members.**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

**.32(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe a mixed-age of children in classroom A-1st Right, during the visit.**

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025**

**Corrected on 5/13/2026**

**.32(4) -**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.