



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/9/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

**CCLC-53771**  
**KinderCare Learning Center #414**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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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| 02/09/2026                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/09/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/08/2025                  | 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                            | Room A - 1st right       | Infants                            | 1                               | 4        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Floor Play     |
| Main                            | Room B - 2nd right       | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 8        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Diapering      |
| Main                            | Room C - 3rd right       | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 17       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Centers       |
| Main                            | Room D - 4th right Pre-K | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 18       | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time              |
| Main                            | Room E - 1st left        |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use               |
| Main                            | Room F - 2nd left        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 19       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Free Play        |
| Main                            | Room G - 3rd left Pre-K  | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 17       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time              |
| Main                            | Room H - 4th left Pre-K  | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 18       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Floor Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156 |                          |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |                          |
| Total # Children this Date: 101 |                          |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                          |
|                                 |                          |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |                          |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 48                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 8                        | 12             | 15             | 23             | 60             | 0                         | 39                       |

#### **Comments**

Findings of this report were discussed with the Director.

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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



## Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed ensuring current lesson plans are posted in every classroom displaying the date and days of the week.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2026

#### Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

#### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the air conditioning and heating units in all of the classroom are accessible to the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2026**

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

**Corrected on 2/9/2026**

.26(8) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. The resilient surface on the rear playground was at least three inches deep.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Discussed ensuring that staff members enforce hand-washing after the students use the bathroom and after they get their noses wiped.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2026**

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on review of records that the program had not submitted an Amendment application to add three playgrounds. The program received technical assistance at previous visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2026**

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

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

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for MFSB license plate YUN530 and YUN531s used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Please ensure first aid kit has all of the required materials.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) - Discussed that the Director needs to have four hours of Nutrition training on file.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Discussed that Professional Learning Plans are needed for all Lead teachers who do not have credentials and are enrolled in a qualifying program to obtain one.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2026**

**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.