



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/15/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-56945

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/15/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/30/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/01/2025	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	1R-Rm. A		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R-Preschool Rm.C		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm. E-3R-Potty Trained 2's		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm. E-3R-Potty trained only-2's		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.B-1L-Preschool	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm.D-2L Toddler 2	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm.F-3L-Tod 2	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

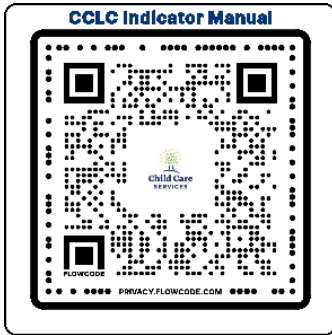
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playgd A-AS-Preschool-School age	30	C
Main	Playground B-Toddler 2	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	3	1	1	4	0	10

Comments

Visit completed.

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.dec.al.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.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.03(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Lesson plans were available for review.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.35(3) requires the Center to maintain Staff:child ratios as follows to provide proper supervision of children engaged in swimming and water-related activities in water over two feet deep: Under 2 1/2 years = 1:2, 2 1/2 to 4 years = 1:5, 4 years and older who cannot swim a distance of 15 yards unassisted = 1:6, 4 years and older who can swim a distance of 15 yards unassisted as determined by a swimming test = 1:15. At least one qualified lifeguard must be present. Copies of certificates from a recognized water-safety class may be accepted in lieu of requiring each child to take a swimming test to determine if the child can swim 15 yards unassisted. It was determined based on review of records that the Center did not maintain complete documentation for swimming. It was further determined that the Center did not have evidence that the pool was staffed with a certified lifeguard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that adequate numbers of Staff are available to maintain the required Staff:child ratios. Staff will determine each child's swimming ability by performing a swim test and document the results of the test or will obtain copies of certificates from recognized water safety instructors for children not tested at the Center. A certified lifeguard will be present at the pool during swimming activities.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

Facility

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Center stored potentially hazardous items out of the reach of children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The gate had been repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that the director did not have evidence of current transportation training on file for the Director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2026

Recited on 6/15/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed on this date. The Center had evidence of annual safety inspection on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The seats had been repaired.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed correction on this date. The Center did not provide routine transportation on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed correction on this date. The Center did not provide routine transportation on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was observed correction on this date. The Center did not provide routine transportation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #4 determination was not electronically ported as required. A one day letter was left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.14(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Current pediatric training CPR and first aid training was on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Center had evidence of this training on file.

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) Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.