



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/7/2026

VisitType: Complaint Investigation &
Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:10 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM

CCLC-411

Smart Kids Childcare/Learning Center

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Same

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.
01/07/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/26/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/05/2024	Complaint Closure	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
1	1L	GA PreK	2	10	C	29	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
1	1st Right	GA PreK	2	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
1	2R-Storage	Infants	2	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
1	4R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
1	5R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
1	Rear	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	38	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	6	9	10	0	25	13

Comments

Rules and Regulations were discussed with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decgal.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@decgal.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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) Met

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.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.26(8) - Citation observed corrected on this date. An Appropriate amount of resilient surfacing observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.26(9) - Citation observed corrected on this date. Playgrounds observed to be in good repair on this date. Consultant observed foliage to be trimmed back and no pine cones were observed on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff stated appropriate hand washing practices throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

591-1-1-.21(3)-Citation deferred until next regulatory visit to allow time to complete drills for 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

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)**Met****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.36(4)(b) - Citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all seat belt buckles on vehicles with Tag #RQG7294 and #PSG7692 to be in good repair.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.09(1)(a) - Citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff present to have a valid criminal records check on file.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.09(1)(c) - Citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff present to have a valid satisfactory records check on file.

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.14(1)(a) - Citation observed corrected on this date. All applicable staff was observed to have current CPR/First Aid training on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/0001

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.14(2)(a) - Citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed a current First Aid/CPR training certificate for the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all applicable staff to have Health and Safety Training certificate 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

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.