



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/20/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:35 PM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-35289

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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.
07/20/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/01/2026	Licensing Study	Support	
12/16/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

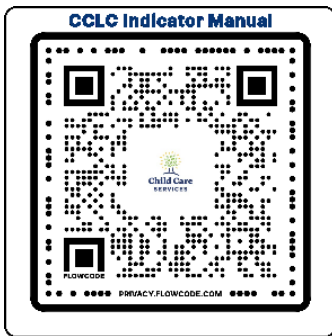
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Front Building	A	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	12	C	Nap
Front Building	B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	16	C	23	C	TV
Front Building	C		0	0	C	7	C	9	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 59							
Main	Infants and Ones	Infants	1	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Left A	One Year Olds	2	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Rm B	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 59							
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 59				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	4	C
Main	Playground	20	C

Comments

The visit report was reviewed with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The bouncy seat had been removed from classroom Main Left A.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The television had been removed from classroom Main Left A.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator observed that there was adequate ventilation in the Front Building B bathroom.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The cabinet under the diaper changing table in Main Left A was closed with a latched child lock, the toilet brush and packets of baby wipes were removed and not accessible in Main Middle Rm B, and the closet door in Front Building B was locked as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator observed that the hole in the bathroom, the wall above the exit door to the bathroom, and the base board near the exit door was repaired in classroom Front Building B. In classroom Main Middle Rm B the wall near the office door was in good repair and the toilet lid on the left side was observed in good repair. Additionally, both sets of wood steps on the Main Playground had been repaired as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The fence on the Main Playground measured 4 feet as required. Additionally, the fencing around the air conditioner unit measured 4 feet and the unit was inaccessible to children as required.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.15(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator and the Director discussed that food was cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller for toddlers as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator observed tight-fitting sheets in five infant cribs as required.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator reviewed records and Staff #5, Staff #9, Staff #10, Staff #11, Staff #12, and Staff #15 had evidence of a biennial training program in pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid as required. Additionally, Staff #6 and Staff #14 were no longer employed.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.14(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator reviewed records and observed at least 50% of Staff present had evidence pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator observed that Staff #15 had evidence of pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid training as required. Additionally, Staff #14 was no longer employed.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator observed all Staff providing adequate supervision to children on this date. Additionally, the Coordinator and Director discussed that all Staff sit an arm's length away from children during all meal times as required.