



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/10/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

CCLC-63194

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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.
02/10/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/09/2026	Initial-TA	NA	
12/09/2025	Complaint Closure	Deficient	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	1st Back Toddler		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	2nd back Two's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	Front 1st Right Preschool		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle Hall 1st Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle Hall 2nd Left	Infants	2	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Building 1	Middle Hall Back Left Infants	One Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 158				
New Building	1st Right	GA PreK	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Homework
New Building	1st Right- Office		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
New Building	2nd Left(4-5 year olds)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	12	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
New Building	2nd Right (Elementary Room)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 158				
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 158				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
New Building	School Age PG	39	C
New Building	Toddler PG	56	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct an complaint investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on December 9, 2025.

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.decga.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@decga.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that the wooden shelves in Room 2nd Back Twos were turned to face the wall, which prevented children from accessing classroom materials and toys on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Recited on 2/10/2026

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Director stated that a discussion was held with the regional Consultant regarding not using lattice as a barrier to enclose the playground and that a plan had been put in place to ensure the playground is enclosed using an approved barrier.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.07(5) - Specialist spoke with the Director about ensuring that items are not worn around children's necks.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Organization

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.16(f)-f)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025

Corrected on 2/10/2026

.11(1) - Previously cited rule violation was observed corrected on this date. Age-appropriate redirection was observed, and staff discussed that they use non-punitive strategies such as talking with children and directing them to engage in appropriate play.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025

Corrected on 2/10/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff were observed providing direct supervision and attending to the needs of the children. Staff discussed how proper supervision is provided to children in the classroom.