



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 3/19/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-65642

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Quality Rated: No

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/19/2026                  | Licensing Study         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12/03/2025                  | Monitoring Visit        | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 02/18/2025                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |

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                            | 1L-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 14       | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside       |
| Main                            | 1R-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 16       | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside       |
| Main                            | 2L-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 12       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | 2R-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 13       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers       |
| Main                            | 3R-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 16       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside       |
| Main                            | 4R-  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds                     | 3                               | 19       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers       |
| Main                            | 5R-  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 3                               | 12       | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers       |
|                                 |      |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 102 |      |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |               |

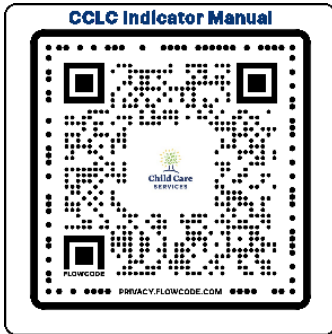
| Building | Playground      | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Main Playground | 88                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 0       | 0       | 35      | 69      | 21                 | 0                 |

## Comments

The findings on this report were reviewed with the Director on this date.

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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/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!**



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

**Main 1L ( Classroom A)**

- A plastic grocery bag of clothes were observed in the cubby on the right accessible to children in care.

**Main 2L ( Classroom F)**

- A pack of Little Tikes diaper wipes were observed in the orange container inside the left cubby.

- A pack of Walgreen unscented diaper wipes were observed in the orange container inside the left cubby.

**Main 2R (Classroom B)**

-A plastic grocery bag of clothes were observed in the black cubby to the right of the classroom door accessible to children in care.

- A pack of Huggies diaper wipes were observed on the bottom cubby on the right side.

- A teacher bag was observed on the floor near the cots accessible to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2026**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure screws measuring more than two threads are inaccessible to prevent injury with sharp edges children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2026**

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Proper hand washing observed 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-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

**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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 1/2/2026**

**Corrected on 3/19/2026**

**.14(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the staff obtained certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid as required.**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

Met

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.