



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/1/2026

**VisitType:** CI/ILS Follow-Up

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

**CCLC-66613**

**Brooklet Community Church Preschool**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 04/01/2026                  | CI/ILS Follow-Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/04/2026                  | ILS Follow Up    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/26/2026                  | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**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                            | A: 129 Baby Doves   | Infants                            | 3     | 6        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Free Play |
| Main                            | B: 126 Hummingbirds | One Year Olds                      | 3     | 8        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch            |
| Main                            | C: 125 Eagles       | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 7        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play        |
| Main                            | D: 122 Parrots      | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 3     | 7        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch            |
| Main                            | E: 110 Owls         | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 15       | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch            |
| Main                            | F: 111 Blue Jays    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 9        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch            |
| Main                            | G: 007 Sparrows     |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |                  |
| Main                            | H: 208 Cardinals    | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 14       | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch            |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118 |                     |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 66  |                     |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                  |

| Building | Playground  | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Afterschool | 30                   | C                     |
| Main     | Preschool   | 46                   | C                     |

**Comments**

This facility remains on their temporary license until May 22, 2026.

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.

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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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The following information is associated with a CI/ILS Follow-Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Center staff will ensure that all furniture including the TV in the Eagles classroom is anchored to prevent tipping.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**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 observations that in classroom F a storage closet was unlocked with hazards stored inside the closet and in classroom G a cabinet under the sink area was not secured with soap, cleaner, shaving cream, trash bags, baby wipes and disinfecting spray accessible.

**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: 4/1/2026**

**Recited on 4/1/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observations that the small red, yellow, green and blue slide is missing covers for one of the four support posts leaving a rusted metal disk exposed. It was further determined that on the older playground three of eight swing chains were cracked and peeling, two support posts on the red white and black play structure had rust exposed at the bottom of the post.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will replace the post coverings for the slid or cover the exposed part with mulch to eliminate the exposed rust. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

**Recited on 4/1/2026**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**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 were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with Director and Lead Infant teacher that all sheets on crib mattresses must be tight fitting.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| Staff # 2                              | Not Met                                                                                     |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2026               | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> |                                                                                             |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing     |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 12                             | Not Met                                                                                     |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2026               | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> |                                                                                             |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing     |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 13                             | Not Met                                                                                     |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2026               | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> |                                                                                             |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing     |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 15                             | Not Met                                                                                     |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2026               | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> |                                                                                             |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing     |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 20                             | Not Met                                                                                     |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2026               | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> |                                                                                             |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing     |                                                                                             |

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation and review of records that five persons were present at the Center and had not submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. 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 review staff files monthly] to ensure the CRAP rules are maintained and will not allow persons on campus or in the center without first having a satisfactory criminal records check determination.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observations and review of records that five persons were present at the center without having a satisfactory criminal records check determination as required by the department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026**

**Corrected on 4/1/2026**

**Previous citation was corrected in that all staff were observed to have CPR and First Aid training as required.**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observations that the teacher in the Sparrows classroom was not seated within arm's reach of three children while they were finishing their lunch.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026**