



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/24/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-56558

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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.
03/24/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/11/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/10/2026	Incident Investigation 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
Main Building	1R-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor or Play
Main Building	3R		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	4R-Three and Above and Afterschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	10	14	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor or Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			32		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground	25	C

Comments

Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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.decal.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.decal.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decal.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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.08(1)(b) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the vehicle transportation agreements were completed for all children transported.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - The consultant discussed with the the director that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. Please ensure that the area rugs in the middle classroom are not curling on the end, to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.25(13) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that all plastic bags were removed from cabinet drawers in the middle classroom and all hazardous items were removed from the top of the cubicle in the 4th right classroom.

In addition, the consultant did not observe any hazardous items on the diaper changing table in the 1st R infant classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.25(3) - Previous citation observed in that the mechanical ventilation in the girl's bathroom was operable in the 4th R classroom and the rusty paper towel holder in the boy's bathroom was removed.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. The gap between the fence pole and the fence gate measured to be less that four inches.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation there was chipping paint on the upper rail leading to the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2026

Recited on 3/24/2026

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that staff # 3 obtained training on 2/20/26 in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first.