



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/20/2026 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 2:55 PM

CCLC-50329

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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	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

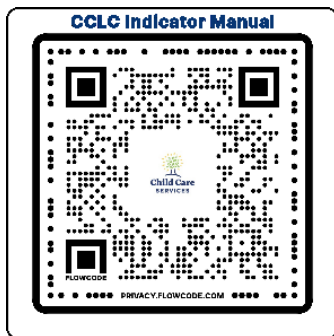
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Rm A: 1st Left (100): Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm B:2nd Left (150): 1's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm C:3rd Left (200): 1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Rm D: Back Left (Afterschool)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	58	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm E: Back Mid (500): Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm F:5th Right (450): Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm G:4th Right (400): Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm H:3rd Right (350): 3's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm I:2nd Right (300): 3's	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm J:1st Right (250): 2's		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm K:Front Mid. (Cafeteria)		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 268			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 268							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	29	C
Main	Plgd-B	185	C
Main	Plgd-C	20	C
Main	Plgd-D	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow-up 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

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following needed repair and posed a health and safety hazard:

Rm A: 1st Left (100) Infants:

*Two stains on the ceiling near the rocking chair.

Rm B: 2nd Left (150): 1's

- A stain on the ceiling near the back wall and green curtains.
- Two stains on the ceiling near the light fixtures over the two red and brown tables.
- The blinds on the right side back window were broken.

Rm C: 3rd Left (200): 1's and 2's

- Peeling sheetrock over the changing surface and on the ceiling near the reading area.

Rm D: Back Left (Afterschool)

- A stain and peeling sheetrock on the ceiling near the back right.
- A whole in the ceiling over the teacher's desk on the right side.
- A water stain on the wall near the back door.
- A stain on the ceiling near the gaming area.

Rm E: Back Mid (500) Ga Pre-K

- A stain on the ceiling near the Science center.

Rm G: 4th Right (400): Ga Pre-K

- A stain on the ceiling on the right side of the room near the manipulative play area.

Rm I: 2nd Right (300) 3's

A stain on the ceiling near the back wall by windows.

Additionally, The right back building had a blue tarp over the roof that is in need of repair.

Rm J 1st Right(250) 2's

- The outlet cover on the left wall by the art center is missing the plate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2026

Recited on 7/20/2026

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

Not Met

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 observations the following playgrounds had hazards accessible to children..

Plgd A

- Exposed black tarp under canopy and trash debris.

Plgd B

-Chipped and rusted metal in front of the green left and right ladders on the playground equipment.

-Tree limbs.

Plgd C

-Pine cones,pine straw and tree limbs throughout the back 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: 8/10/2026

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Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) requires Center Personnel to hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding. It was determined based on observation that in classroom RM A: 1st Left (100): Infants an infant was placed in a bouncer with their bottle propped for feeding without a staff member holding the infant during feeding as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to hold infants less than six months old or who can not hold their own bottle, to never prop bottles and to elevate infant's heads during feeding. The director will monitor Staff to ensure appropriate feeding procedures are followed.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.11(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant did not observe inappropriate disciplinary actions on this date.