



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

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:10 PM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-11775

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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.
03/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/30/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/11/2025	Complaint 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	A(210)-6wks-12m		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B (208)6wks-7m	Infants	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C(207) 7M-12m	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D(206) 12M-18M	One Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E(204) 12M-24M	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F(205) 18M-35M	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G (209)18M-35 M	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H (211)3yrs	Three Year Olds	1	153	C	22	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I (213) 3 & 4yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J(212) 4yrs	GA PreK	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K(214) 4yrs	GA PreK	1	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L (215) 8-12yrs		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	L(215) 5-7 yrs		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 248

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 273

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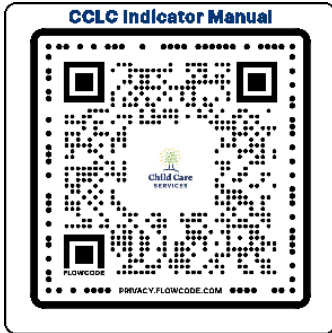
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Infants Toddlers	17	C
Main	B Toddler/Preschool	66	C
Main	C Preschool/School age	152	C
Main	D School age	171	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	27	27	37	33	20	42

Comments

The Consultant assessed all core rules during this visit and addressed previous citations.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.12(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the classroom tables to be lowered and chairs were appropriately sized for enrolled children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that dramatic play furniture is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that there was a white dramatic play checkout station in classroom J that was unsecured.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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 potential hazards were accessible:

Classroom K:

- There was a broom and dust pan at the back of the classroom next to the handwashing sink.
- There was a Swiffer mop at the back of the classroom next to the handwashing sink.
- There was an electrical cord accessible in the dramatic play area.

Classroom J:

- There was an electrical cord hanging from the ceiling.
- There was an unlocked closet with a broom and dust pan.

Classroom I:

- There was an unlocked sink cabinet with dishwashing liquid and jug of Monogram bleach.
- There was a box of Borax on top of the cubbies located near the entrance.

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: 3/3/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that playground fencing is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. Playgrounds were observed to be free of litter and potential hazards.

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children did not wash hands after toileting in classroom K as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Recited on 3/3/2026

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the transportation vehicle is clean and free of debris.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please ensure that all mats are at least 2 inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - Please ensure that all children are offered a covering for their cot.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Please ensure that staff obtain first aid/CPR certification within forty-five days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

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.