



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/15/2026 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-53732

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/15/2026	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/13/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	B	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	E	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G	Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	K	Infants	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 143

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

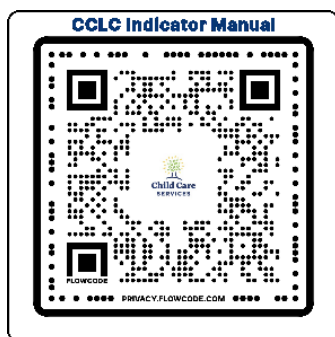
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	10	C
Main	B	56	C
Main	C	109	C
Main	D	7	C
Main	E	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	16	28	42	12	0	38

Comments

The exit conference was discussed with the Director.

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.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Classroom Main A One Year Olds had the manipulative and the Dramatic play shelves accessible to the children. Classrooms Main A One Year Olds and Main B Two Year Olds bookshelves were accessible to the children as required.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by the center on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Playground C was free of plants and shrubs on the left and back side of the fence.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The following items were repaired:

Main A One Year Olds

-The two water-stained ceiling tiles over the table were repaired

Main K Infants

-The one water-stained ceiling tile over the rug was repaired.

Main H Three Year Olds

- The girl's bathroom had two water-stained ceiling tiles over the cabinet and door that was repaired.

-The one water-stained ceiling tile under the Dramatic play rug was repaired.

Main F GA PreK

-The girl's bathroom had one water-stained ceiling tile over the toilet that was repaired.

Main D Three Year Olds

- The hole in the front, bottom boy's bathroom door and in the back left corner of the girl's bathroom door was repaired.

Main E GA PreK

- The chipped paint on the back wall of the dramatic play center was repaired.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The following playgrounds were free from hazards:

Main A Playground

- There was no active ant bed on the right corner of the barrier.

- There were no overgrown weeds throughout the playground.

Main B Playground

- There was no exposed concrete on the right and left side of the back fence

-There were no weeds growing throughout the bottom of the playground fencing.

Main C Playground

-There were no yellow and black tricycles with no handlebars and no broken wheel.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 34****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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****Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026****Corrected on 6/15/2026**

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Main A One Year Olds classroom was seated within arms length of all children who were eating lunch.