



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/18/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-54386

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
06/18/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/04/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/16/2024	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
Building Two	Classroom G		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A - 6 yr - 12 yr	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B - 3yr - 6yr		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 3 yr - 6 yr	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D - 14 mths- 2 yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - 14 mths - 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F - 3 yrs- 6 yrs		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

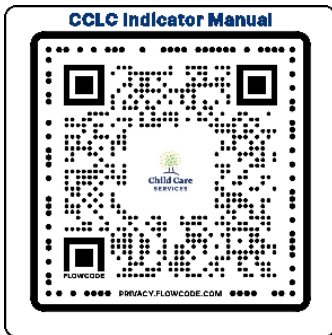
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 2 yr - 12 yr	13	C
Main	Playground B - 2 yrs- 12 yrs	30	C
Main	Playground C - 2 yrs - 12 yrs	29	C
Main	Playground D - 14 mths - 2 yrs	20	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	1	9	14	10	0	13

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Mary McDonald.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 hazards were observed:

Classroom A

- A staff purse was observed on the right side of the classroom accessible to children in care.
- Diaper wipes and gloves were observed stored on the wooden shelf accessible to children in care.

Classroom C

- Hand sanitizer, shaving cream, and soap were observed on the right side of the classroom near the refrigerator and sink accessible to children in care.
- Diaper wipes were stored on top of the toilet in the first restroom.
- A hanging cord was observed on the wooden cabinet on the back side of the classroom.

Classroom E

- Cleaning supplies were observed in an unlocked white cabinet on the right side of the classroom.

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: 6/18/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure replacing the rusted S hooks on the swings on playground C.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2025

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as 3 inches of resilient surface was observed under the swings.

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 that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

Playground C

- Two kiddie pools were observed on the playground with water that measured between 2 to 6 inches on water. The water posed a potential drowning hazard.

Playground D

- A hole in the pour surface was observed on the left side of the tree.

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: 6/18/2026

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.20(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the program had not had to dispense medication since the last visit.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Technical Assistance

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) - Please ensure that cots and mats are provided for each children 2 years of age or older who take a naps.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/25/2025

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.30(1)(b)1 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the mats were observed not in use on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the all staff were observed ported to the program.

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

Met

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 23 was observed with a current first aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.14(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 14 was observed with a current first aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- The previous citation will be observed during the upcoming Licensing Study.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 observation that a child was observed walking in the hallway for approximately one minute without adult supervision.

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: 6/18/2026

Recited on 6/18/2026