



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/11/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-46802

Fun Steps Ahead

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

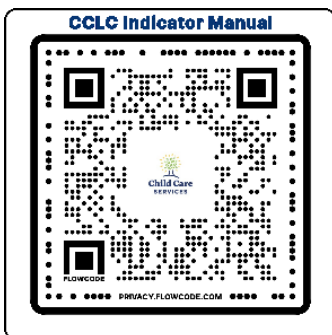
Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
08/11/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/10/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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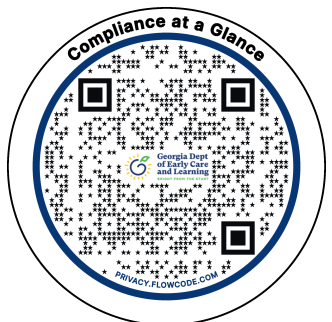
On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Pearlie Carter.

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.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.dec.al.ga.gov>.

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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.03(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as children were observed eating snack at a table.

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.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as no medication was observed in the classroom area.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed with the Director reconnecting the disconnected baseboard by the easel in classroom 4L-Rear Room D Preschool-School age and repairing the small area of chipping paint above the sink in the second restroom across from classroom 4L-Rear Room D Preschool-School age.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure repairing the rust observed on the seat of the train equipment on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

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

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as no medications were observed in the classroom area.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Please ensure updating the Center's emergency preparedness plan.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2026

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Staff Records

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) 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.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Defer

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff #1 was observed to complete 42 hours for the 2026 calendar year.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)-Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. The two hour of Literacy training will be reviewed during the center's Licensing Study.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was corrected on this date as Staff #5 was serving in the assistant teacher position.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.32(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as 3-year-old and 4-year-old children were observed in classroom 4L - Rear - Room D.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 8/11/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as adequate supervision was observed.