



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

CCLC-58057

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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.
01/08/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/17/2025	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
I	C- 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	11	NC	23	C	32	C	Lunch,Centers,T ransitioning
I	E- 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	23	C	27	C	38	C	Lunch
I	F- 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	27	C	38	C	Lunch
I	G-Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	27	C	NA	NA	Lunch
I	H- 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	27	C	37	C	Transitioning
I	I	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	29	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transition ing
I	J- 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	33	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
I	K- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	34	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Centers
I	L- 1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
I	M- 1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
I	N- 6wks-12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
I	O- 6wks- 12 mths	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 310

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 733

II	A-GA- Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	33	C	Outside
II	B- Gym/ Afterschool 5-12 yrs	GA PreK	6	58	C	111	C	NA	NA	Lunch
II	C- GA-Pre-K- 3	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning,Outside
II	D- GA Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
II	E GA Pre-K - 6		0	0	C	27	C	38	C	
II	F- GA Pre-K -5		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
II	G- GA Pre-K-7		0	0	C	22	C	31	C	
II	H- GA Pre-K- 4		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 733					
Total # Children this Date: 301					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 733					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	Playground A- 6wks-12myhs	25	C
I	Playground B- 1's &2 yrs	40	C
I	Playground C-2's - 4's	73	C
I	Playground D- 4- 7 yrs	63	C
II	Playground E - 4- 12 yrs	135	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
21	31	59	96	18	120	67

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Assistant Director, Genie Brennan, on January 8, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the equipment and furniture in the classrooms was in good repair.

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

Not Evaluated

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.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to be clean and in good repair.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a gap measuring 6-inches and protruding wires at the bottom of the gate between Playground C - 2's -4's and Playground E - 4 - 12 yrs. Further the gates from playground C -2's -4's were open.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2026

Recited on 1/8/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the director to repair the splintered board on the picnic table on Playground D 4-7 yrs.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 their hands after toileting in Building 1, classroom F-4's and Building 2, classroom H - GA Pre-K - 4.

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: 1/8/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to have a evidence of an annual safety check for vehicle tag number SBU6417.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the emergency medical information record for 31 transported children were complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Corrected on 1/8/2026

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that center staff recorded the dates of each transportation route conducted between December 8, 2025, and December 19, 2025.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements. Consultant observed staff practicing infant safe-sleep procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that cots are stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding in classroom L-1's

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit November 18, 2025.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff hired more than 45 days certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the new hires complete pediatric first aid/ CPR training by January 20, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2026

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.