



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/5/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-58350**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                    |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 05/05/2026                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/27/2026                         | Monitoring Visit                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/17/2026                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | 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                           | 100          | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 5        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Diapering,Floor Play |
| Main                           | 150          | One Year Olds                      | 1     | 0        | C                             | 17         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                           | 200          | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 6        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                           | 250          |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 24         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | 300          | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 14       | C                             | 23         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Story,Circle Time    |
| Main                           | 350          | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 12       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Circle Time,Story    |
| Main                           | 400          |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | 450          | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 13       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Art                  |
| Main                           | 500          |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | 550          | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 10       | C                             | 26         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Lunch                |
| Main                           | After School |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 30         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | Cafe         |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 24         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                           | Gym          | GA PreK                            | 2     | 17       | C                             | 24         | C            | NA                                                            | NA           | Outside              |
|                                |              | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              | Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 77 |              | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |                                                               |              |                      |

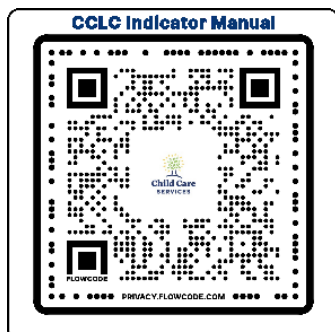
| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 15                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 37                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C | 167                  | C                     |

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|------|--------------|----|---|
| Main | Playground D | 34 | C |
| Main | Playground E | 25 | C |

### Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete the follow-up visit to the corrections of the citations from the previous visit.

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.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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Met

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/27/2026**

**Corrected on 5/5/2026**

**.25(13) - It was determined based on consultant observation on this date that hazards had been placed inaccessible to the children.**

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed the large back playground had exposed concrete at the back fence area. The concrete is to be covered/removed made inaccessible to the children.

Discussed: Three tricycles were observed on the playground with missing handle bars. The tricycles are to be removed or repaired. Two of the three tricycles are rusty in areas and in need of paint.

**Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026**

|  | Sleeping & Resting Equipment |
|--|------------------------------|
|--|------------------------------|

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

Met

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/27/2026**

**Corrected on 5/5/2026**

**.30(4) - This rule violation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The mats were observed to have been stacked in the closets without the coverings. The coverings were observed to be placed on the mats after removing the mats from the closets and placing them on the floor for the child to nap.**

|  | Staffing and Supervision |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.