



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/11/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-23803

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Same

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.
05/11/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/09/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/10/2026	Complaint 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
Building 1	101 1st lft	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	102 A front	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	102 B back	One Year Olds	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	103	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	104 4th lft	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	105 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 B back	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	106 A front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	106 B back	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	107 A front	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Building 1	107 B back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building 1	108 1st rt.		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	113 upstairs rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	114 upstairs back		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			241		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Building 2	116 1st rt		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	117 2nd rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	118 3rd rt	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 113			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 306		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	A front	24	C
Building 1	B back lft	43	C
Building 1	C rt	181	C
Building 2	D back	200	C

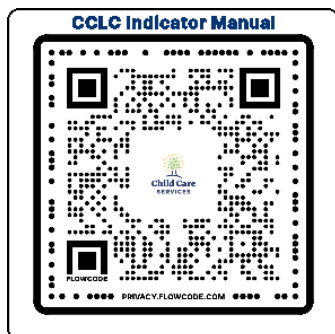
Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
18	25	43	28	20	3	0

Comments

Newly hired Staff and Staff CPR were available for the Consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit report was conducted with the Director on this date. An email with the Monitoring visit report was sent to the Director for signature on this date.

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@decal.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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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 met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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.

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/11/2026

.29(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Director stated that she is aware of when she needs to enter a Required Report to the department.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/11/2026

.11(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to maintain positive interactions with the children. Positive redirection was observed being used in classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/11/2026

.11(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff were observed having pleasant interaction with the children and using positive redirection.

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)**

Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that in Room 107 B, 10 of 12 crib mattresses were observed to be quilted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2026

Recited on 5/11/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring all Staff or potential Staff submit fingerprints for a criminal background check.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2026

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

Evidence observed over 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/11/2026

.31(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Provider is aware nobody should be on the premises after committing a criminal act and stated that previous staff was no longer working or on the premises at the time of the arrest.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.