



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/4/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:45 AM Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-48971

A Brighter Choice Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/04/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/09/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
09/16/2025	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
Main	A - 1L/ 6 weeks- 12 months		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2LM- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - Back Right - 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D/E-Front Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

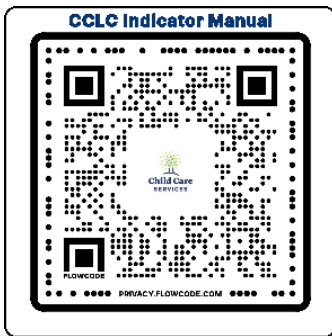
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left (6weeks - 2 years)	84	C
Main	B- Right - 2's	95	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. The center had no children enrolled at the 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.dec.al.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.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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.03(7) - Citation corrected.

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) N/A

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.08(1) - Citation corrected. The center has no children enrolled.

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

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

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

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

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.15(2) - Citation corrected. The center has no children enrolled at this time.****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.15(7) - Citation corrected. The center had no children enrolled.****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.10(1) - Citation corrected.****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.17(7) - Citation corrected.****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/21/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.21(3) Citation corrected.****591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025****Corrected on 5/4/2026****.27 - Citation corrected.****Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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**

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
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The center has two staff listed at the current time. Consultant discussed that any new staff will need a new background check.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.14(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.24(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.33(2)(a)-(n) - Citation corrected.
Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.33(5)(b)(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.31(1)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.
Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.31(11) - Citation corrected.
Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 5/4/2026
.31(2)(c) -

Staffing and Supervision

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.