



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 4/8/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:40 AM Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-30701

Carousel Kids Early Learning Center II

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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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| 04/08/2026                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/09/2025                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/26/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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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                           | Room A: 3-4 yr olds     | Three Year Olds           | 1                              | 7        | C    | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                           | Room B:1-2 yr olds      | Infants and One Year Olds | 1                              | 5        | C    | 13                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Floor Play |
| Main                           | Room C: 2 yr            | Two Year Olds             | 1                              | 6        | C    | 10                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                           | Room D: 3 -12 year olds | Six Year Olds and Over    | 1                              | 9        | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
|                                |                         |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 27 |                         |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                      |

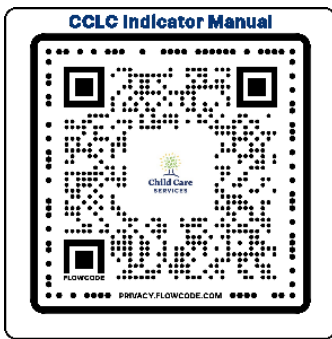
| Building | Playground                         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A: Infant - 2 year olds | 19                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B:3-12 yrs              | 29                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 1                 | 4       | 6       | 7       | 0       | 4                  | 5                 |

Comments

A Professional Learning Plan form was left with the Director.

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>.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

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#### 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.

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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 Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that all furniture should be clean and in good repair as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observations that all outside toys and equipment had mold and mildew and needed to be cleaned and in good repair. Additionally, the toy bike contained rust on the handlebars and the toy caterpillar had broken pieces that were sharp and not in good repair as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2026**

**Recited on 4/8/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025**

**Corrected on 4/8/2026**

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the wooden barrier in good repair and no tripping hazards were observed on this date.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observations that a 5-month-old infant was sitting in a bouncy with a pacifier attachment on their bib.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026**

**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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**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)**

Met

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025**

**Corrected on 4/8/2026**

**.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed properly installed booster seats on this date.**

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates in November, 2026.

**Correction Deadline: 10/23/2025**

**Corrected on 4/8/2026**

**.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all staff with current First Aid and CPR on file as required.**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

Not Met

**Comment**

Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2 did not have (10) clock hours of annual diverse training on file as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2026**

**Recited on 4/8/2026**

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

**Not 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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that all Teachers were in the classrooms as a lead Teacher without the minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience on file as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

**Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026**

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|---------------------------------|
| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
|---------------------------------|

**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.