



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-45925

Kids' Galaxy of Dacula

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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.
01/23/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
01/23/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/25/2025	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	A1L-Private Prek	GA PreK	2	20	C	37	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-2L- Play Room	GA PreK	4	30	C	46	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C 3L Storage Rm.	GA PreK	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-Bk Left School age	GA PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	TV,Story
Main	EBk Right- School age	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	28	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F4R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G3R- 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H2R- Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I1R- Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Transi tioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 258			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 151			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 258			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

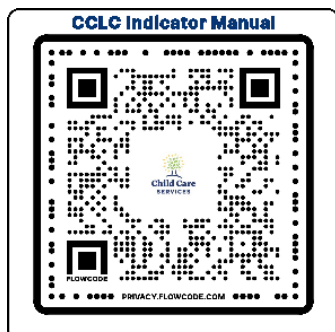
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Preschool	101	C
Main	B-School Age	141	C
Main	C-Infants	26	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	14	20	20	83	32	65

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Simone Miller, on January 23, 2026.

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

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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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, as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026

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

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

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the exhaust fans to be drawing air.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.19(1) -Consultant discussed with director that only licensed space can be utilized for the care of children.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2026

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026

.25(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that center had replaced the flooring in classroom I1R - Infants.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026

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

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(4)-This citation was deferred due to the center having contracted for the repairs to be made.

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: 12/5/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the roots are painted and the excrement removed from the back of playground B-School Age.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the passenger side of the first seat had a large tear with exposed foam and the passenger side of the second seat had a hole with missing foam on vehicle tag number RIM8202.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document the second check of the vehicle after completing the afternoon transportation route from Simonton Elementary School on January 16, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep procedures.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four] files for employees hired since last visit November 25, 2025..

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026

.14(1) -The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that 100 percent of staff hired more than 45 days had current certification in pediatric CPR/first aid. Consultant discussed with the director that new hires cannot be alone in the classroom until their certification is completed.

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

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