



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/26/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-62582

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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.
05/26/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/20/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/20/2025	Complaint Closure	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-1st Lt Infants	Infants	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B-2nd Lt. Beginners	One Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-3rd Lt. Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	45	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D:1st Rt. Two's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E: 2nd Rt. Pre-k	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F- 3rd Rt. Pre-K		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G: 4th Right Pre-K	GA PreK	1	17	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	H- Back Three's	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	36	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 84		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (left side)	23	C
Main	B (Left Rear)	80	C
Main	C (Right side and Rear)	82	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	20	15	18	25	0	0

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed 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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - Please ensure children in Rooms C-3rd LT. Toddlers and H-Back Three's are using the equipment correctly and safely. In Room C-3rd LT, the children were running around the room and jumping on their nap mats. In room H-Back Three's, children had blankets wrapped around their face, running around, jumping on each other, and pushing.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure the closet in Room C-3rd LT Toddlers remains locked at all times to ensure hazardous items stay out of reach out of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

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

Met

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

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2025

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All medications had a medication authorization form on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2025

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.20(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All medications were in the original container.

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**

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the fire extinguisher on the bus with tag number SER8952 did not have a valid inspection documented within the last 12 months.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2025

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children were marked unloaded since the previous visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2025

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All second checks since the previous visit were complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2025

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All independent contractors, therapist and employees had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination at the facility.

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that the Staff in Room A-1st LT Infants was sweeping and tending to other children during mealtime and was not sitting within arm's reach of the children as required, Staff in B-2nd LT Beginners were cleaning up during mealtime and not sitting within arms reach of children as required and Staff in Room C-3rd LT. Toddlers were setting up for nap during mealtime and not sitting within arms reach of the children as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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