



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/9/2026

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:55 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-65513

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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.
04/09/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/10/2026	Initial-TA	NA	
01/30/2026	Licensing Study	Support	

Ratios/License Capacity

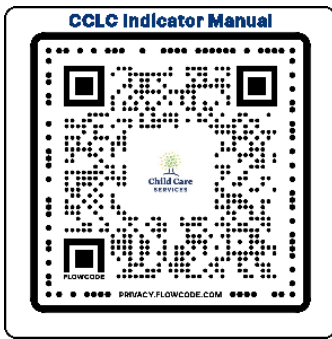
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-1L-Infants & 1's	Infants	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B-2L-1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-Middle-5 & Up		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
Main	D-Middle Back-4's & Up	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Main	E-3R-4's & Up	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	32	C	44	C	Story
Main	F-2R-4's & Up		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	G-1R-1 year old	One Year Olds	1	5	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 221					
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 221				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left-Infants, 1's & 2's	18	C
Main	Playground B-Back-4's & Up	171	C
Main	Playground C-Right-3's	27	C

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Deandra Marshall.

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.

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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the hazardous furniture was observed removed from all classrooms.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no hazards were observed accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as as the water fountain was observed covered and inaccessible to children.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure monitoring the 3 and a half inch gap at the bottom of the fence gate near classroom G.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence bolts on the gate at the entrance and exit gates of playground C were protruding past two threads. It was also determined that the fence bolts on the gate at the entrance playground A were protruding past two threads.

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: 4/23/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no hazards were observed.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as 6 inches of resilient surface was observed around the fall zones.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure removing the gum balls from Playground B-Back.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.07(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no children were observed in the crib with bibs.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(2) - Please ensure that children's noses are cleaned in classroom E 3R.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that the cots are covered in classrooms E-3R and G-1R when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as all staff criminal records checks were observed completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as Staff # 4, Staff # 5, and Staff # 9 health and safety orientation training was observed on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.33(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the Consultant observed Staff # 8 nutrition training completed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as Staff #14 was no longer employed at the program.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.32(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the Consultant observed adequate Staff:child ratios in each classroom.