



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/25/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-1462

Childcare Network #134

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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.
02/25/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/06/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/25/2025	Complaint 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
2nd BLDG	1L		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use
2nd BLDG	1R		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use
2nd BLDG	2L		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	Not In Use
2nd BLDG	2R		0	0	C	12	C	16	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 223							
Main	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	1R	GA PreK	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music, Circle Time
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Left End	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle Back	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Right End	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 223							
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 223							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
2nd BLDG	1L Staff room	270	C
Main	Back	107	C
Main	Front Left Back	18	C
Main	Front Left Front	10	C
Main	Front Right	44	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	7	6	5	32	30	19

Comments

*Updates/Reminders

Please ensure to complete all temporary closures by 8 a.m. (vacation, emergencies, school closures, holidays etc...) in DECAL KOALA at all times under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily when you are not caring for children for one day or more.

Please be sure to SAVE the report prior to exiting.

-Please ensure to complete rechecks for Criminal Records checks at least 90 days before the five-year expiration. Suggestion: Check monthly or sooner to ensure that staff's criminal records checks are not about to expire.

-Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the Director.

-All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA.

-Please ensure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account.

-Please ensure that director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment.

For centers conducting or planning on conducting transportation, please remember that the transportation training must be completed prior to participating in transportation and renewed every two years for anyone checking the vehicle, chaperoning on a trip, and signing the checklist, including the director/provider. Please ensure that directors/providers ensure that they also complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center. *Please ensure to mark/indicate when children are loading and unloading and do a physical first and second check (and document by signing) of vehicles used to transport children on transportation documents.

• First Aid and CPR:

Effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. Programs must also have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

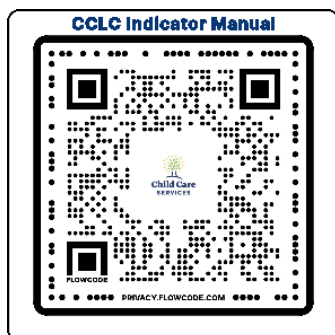
• Staff Training:

-Initial Program Orientation- All Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

• Annual Training:

Effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

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.decal.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.decal.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.decal.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@decal.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-.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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. However, please ensure to monitor restrooms and diapering fans/ventilation for normal wear and tear, dust, etc. Also, monitor ceilings for stains, damage and dust.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- grocery/plastic bags, wipes packages, etc.
- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords, etc.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. However, please monitor the playground/outside area for items that could possibly pose a hazard in the future:

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped/peeling paint, cracked/broken, etc.).
- Excessive leaves, sweet gum tree balls, etc.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/6/2026****Corrected on 2/25/2026**

.07(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant observed the center's written plan for how emergency medical services would be obtained that included the place children would be taken for emergency care.

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/6/2026****Corrected on 2/25/2026**

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Per the Director, she knows to report or cause to be reported to the Department within 24 hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Technical Assistance

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. Please ensure fire extinguisher is checked annually and maintained in working order.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2026

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

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit was conducted on August 27, 2025. The Consultant observed five new staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check on file.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s). Add scissors to vehicle's first aid kit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.