



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/3/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

CCLC-50207
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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.
02/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/14/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
07/28/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-Infant	Infants	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Floor Play
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room 2 (D)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	22	C	Centers
Main	Room 5(G)	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	26	C	Clean Up
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	18	C	26	C	Transitioning
Main	Room 7(I)	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 116 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant- Right Front	11	C
Main	PG A- Left Playground	62	C
Main	PG B- Center Playground	26	C

Main	PG C- Right Playground	36	C
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	27	36	30	20	0	10

Comments

The Consultant and Provider reviewed the report and discussed best practices.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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

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

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-.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) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

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 following fencing hazards were accessible to children:

Back Right Playground:

- There was a four inch gap on the bottom of the wooden fencing on the middle right side of the playground.

Back Middle Playground:

- There were six bolts protruding more than two threads on the first right panel.
- There were six bolts protruding more than two threads on the left and right side of the gate door.

Back Left Playground:

- There were six bolts protruding more than two threads on first panel of the fencing on the front left corner.
- There were five bolts protruding more than two threads on the gate door on the front left side of the playground.

Front Left Playground:

- There were six thin finishing nails protruding from the lower middle of the wooden gate door.
- There was a thin finishing nail protruding from the bottom wooden panel on the left side of the gate door.

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: 2/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the drain cover was not properly secured causing a potential tripping hazard on the front side of the Left Playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on observation that center staff failed to clean two 1-year-old children's noses in Classroom D.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a 1-year-old child did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after wiping their nose in Classroom A. It was further determined that a 3-year-old child did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after a staff member instructed the child to blow their nose in Classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11(2) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that independent contractors and staff who provide services and activities for enrolled children practice age appropriate discipline methods.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

