



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/16/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-62716

DBA / The Westside School

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/16/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/10/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/19/2025	Licensing Study	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	Room A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	Room F	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room H	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 77		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

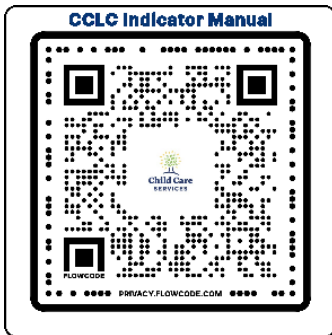
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Concrete	9	C
Main	Large	41	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	24	21	25	9	0	6

Comments

Food prep training, hazardous food/ equipment, staff files and staff credentials were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.12(4) - Previous citation of an unsecured crock pot in infant classroom and an unsecured crock pot on the refrigerator in Infant/One-year-old classroom was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a black floor fan was placed on top of the brown shelf with the cords exposed and was accessible to children posing a potential hazard in classroom G.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

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

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.15(7) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Foods that pose a choking hazard were discussed with the director.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.18(8) - Previous citation of can vegetables, tropical fruit and cereal being stored on the kitchen floor was observed to be corrected on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.07(5) - Previous citation of an infant (awake) being placed in the crib with an attached bib was observed to be corrected on this date. Hazardous items were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Children's hand washing was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff person did not wash their hands after diapering a child in classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation of mats throughout having exposed foam and were in need of repair was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

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-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.33(2)(a)-(n) - Previous citation of staff #1, 8, 9, 14, and 15 not having orientation on file was observed to be corrected for all staff employed. Per the director staff #14 and 15 are no longer employed at the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the Director did not have proof of food service training on file for review when requested.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026

Recited on 6/16/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- Previous citation of staff members # 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9, 12, and 17 not having the full 10 hours of annual training for the 2025 year will be deferred and observed on the next regulatory visit in 2027.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)- Previous citation on staff #1 and #14 not having the required language and literacy training for the 2025 year will be deferred and observed on the next regulatory visit in 2027.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2026

Corrected on 6/16/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation of children eating breakfast and staff were not seated within arms length in classroom C 2-year-old was observed to be corrected on this date.