



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/27/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:50 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-56635

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/27/2026	Monitoring Visit	Support	
09/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	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	Back Room - Older 2s	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	NC	11	NC	16	C	Nap
Main	Front Left - Infant, 1s, 2s	Two Year Olds	2	14	NC	10	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Front Right - 3s and 4s	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			36		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41					
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Discussed compliance with State rules and regulations to support ongoing health and safety of children in care.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/10/2026

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 user id 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!



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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please contact consultant upon completion of renovations.

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that in the Main Back Room – Older 2s Three Year Olds classroom there were two Staff and 16 children, when the space was only licensed for 11 children. Additionally, in the Main Front Left - Infant, 1s, 2s Two Year Olds classroom, there were two Staff members and 14 children when the classroom was only licensed for 10 children.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

Recited on 1/27/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

Corrected on 1/27/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All hazardous items were locked away and out of reach of children.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed with the Owner to ensure all playground equipment was clean and in good repair with no rust or sharp edges.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with the Owner to ensure all exposed tree roots were made visible to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(3) requires ventilation to be provided either by mechanical or natural means so as to provide fresh air and control of unpleasant odors in the food preparation area. It was determined based on observation that the kitchen ventilation was not in working condition.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2026

Recited on 1/27/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that in classroom Front Right -3's and 4's did not have proper ventilation or an operable window space in the diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

Corrected on 1/27/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All cribs had clean tight fitting sheets covering the mattresses.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/22/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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-.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**

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

Corrected on 1/27/2026

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Classroom Main Front Left - Infant, 1s, 2s Two Year Olds classroom had appropriate ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.