



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/24/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:45 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-63422

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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.
03/24/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/18/2026	Licensing Study	Support	
07/17/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	L Hallway 1L-Three Year Old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L Hallway Back After-School		0	0	C	77	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	LHallway 2R-Four Year Old		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	LHallway1R-Three Year old Room		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	R Hallway 1R-Infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	R Hallway 2R-Two Year Old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	RHallway 1L-One Year Old	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Music,Free Play,Feeding
Main	RHallway 2L-Two Year Old Potty Trained		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 16

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	104	C

Comments

The Consultant discussed the POI Follow - Up visit with the Center Director and emailed a copy via DocuSign.



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@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

Comment

The brown sofa located in classroom 2R has been removed and no longer accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Previously cited information had been added to the child files.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.08(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Sixteen children were present during this visit and 16 children were signed in.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The Consultant observed 16 children present during this visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Parents Choice Wipes, can of Lysol, and the Children's Ibuprophen Oral Suspension had been removed from the sign in and sign out table and no longer within reach of children. The girls bathroom which contained a can of Lysol stored under the hand washing sink was locked and not in use. There is a second bathroom being used which contained no hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.25(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Center covered the electrical outlet with a protective cover and 2 protective caps.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center removed the red and silver tricycle, the red, black and silver Kompan seated exercise circle, and the green Little Tikes dinosaur coupe car from the playground. Additionally, the red climbing dome, red metal lemonade stand, and 5 handle bars on the red metal circle of the red and blue seat merry-go-round was repainted. Furthermore, the 2 screws were removed from the brown, tan, blue, and green Little Tikes gym set.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center placed mulch under the red metal climbing dome which measured 6 inches.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.15(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center director stated that stewed chicken, brown rice, mixed vegetables, apple slices and milk will be served for lunch today. The Center has one 1-year-old child present and the Center director stated that child's food will be cut into no larger than 1/2 inch size. There were no infants present that is on table food.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.15(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center director stated that 1 infant is enrolled and the parents bring the bottles premixed, labeled and dated which was observed by the Consultant.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.21(1)(a-o) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center has incorporated the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center into their Policy and child enrollment packet.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.21(1)(r) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center has incorporated shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma, signs and symptoms, strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age, and a list of prevention behavior into their policy and child enrollment packet.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center director stated crib sheets are changed daily and more often through out the day if needed.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center staff completed pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training on February 21, 2026. The Center had cards and a letter from the instructor on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.14(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center Director completed pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid on February 21, 2026 and has a card and letter from the Instructor on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Consultant confirmed completion of health and safety orientation training uploaded into GAPDS.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Consultant confirmed completion of 10 hours of annual training for 2026 uploaded into GAPDS.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.33(5)(b)(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Consultant confirmed completion of 2 hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices uploaded into GAPDS.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Consultant observed Professional Learning Plan on file for 2 of 2 Lead Teachers. Both teachers were enrolled in a CDA course on March 2, 2026 with an anticipated date of completion December 2026.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Consultant observed Professional Learning Plan on file for 2 of 2 Lead Teachers. Both teachers were enrolled in a CDA course on March 2, 2026 with an anticipated date of completion December 2026.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 3/24/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center Director stated that staff sit within arm's length of children during meals and snacks.