



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:55 AM Departure: 12:25 PM

CCLC-24175

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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.
07/17/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/07/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/23/2025	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
Bldg. II	1st Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. II	3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Left - A		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Right - G	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Left - B	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Right - H	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Left - C	One Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Right - I	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Left - D	One Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Right - J	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Left - E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Right - K	Two Year Olds	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. IV - ELC	6th Left - F		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Community Kindergarten Building	1L-801		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA
Community Kindergarten Building	1R-808		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA
Community Kindergarten Building	2L-803		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA
Community Kindergarten Building	2R-810		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA
Community Kindergarten Building	3L-805		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA
Community Kindergarten Building	lunchroom/afterschool		0	0	C	37	C	NA	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 83		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 393			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

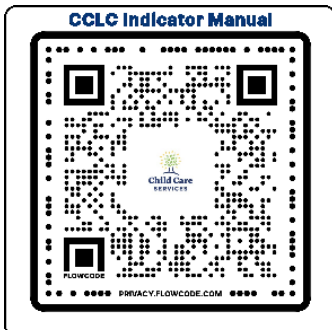
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. IV - ELC	Large	263	C
Community Kindergarten Building	Kindergarten bldg-left side	20	C
Community Kindergarten Building	Kindergarten bldg-right	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	38	59	46	0	0	0

Comments

Monitoring visit completed on July 17, 2026.

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@decal.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)

Met

Comment

Splash pad observed in use. All children had required permission forms.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please continue to monitor the yellow plastic coating on the swings and remove/replace when coming apart.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 36****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff hired September 2, 2025, had not obtained certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026**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.