



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 3/25/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-2231**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 03/25/2026                  | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/30/2025                  | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/11/2025                  | Complaint Closure | 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 Bld                        | 123              | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 3     | 12       | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Transitioning |
| Main Bld                        | 125              | Two Year Olds                      | 3     | 13       | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                |
| Main Bld                        | 127              | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 3     | 14       | C                               | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                |
| Main Bld                        | 129              | Three Year Olds                    | 3     | 15       | C                               | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                |
| Main Bld                        | 130              | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 7        | C                               | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Main Bld                        | 132              | One Year Olds                      | 3     | 7        | C                               | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Free Play |
| Main Bld                        | UP 224/4R        |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 11         | C            | 15         | C            | Not In Use           |
| Main Bld                        | UP 226/3R        |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 16         | C            | 23         | C            | Not In Use           |
| Main Bld                        | UP 227/1L        | Four Year Olds                     | 3     | 13       | C                               | 17         | C            | 24         | C            | Lunch                |
| Main Bld                        | UP 228/2R        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 7        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story                |
| Main Bld                        | UP 230/1R        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 14       | C                               | 16         | C            | 22         | C            | Story                |
| Main Bld                        | UP 235           |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main Bld                        | UP L Hall 232/1L | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 3     | 14       | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Circle Time          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 199 |                  |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 299 |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 116 |                  |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 299 |            |              |            |              |                      |

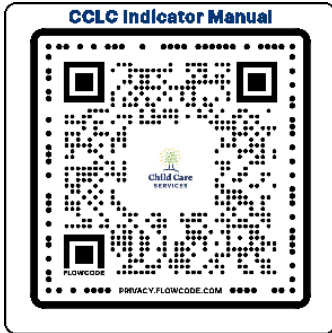
| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 6                 | 21      | 28      | 33      | 36      | 0                  | 16                |

#### Comments

Newly hired Staff Records were reviewed and Core Rules were evaluated 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

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.25(12) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed heating and cooling equipment were positioned to be inaccessible to children, as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the Center and surrounding premises was kept clean, free of debris, and in good repair, as required.

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that portable playground equipment and toys that were damaged and no longer in use were promptly discarded to avoid a potential safety hazard, as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2026

#### 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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025****Corrected on 3/25/2026****.29(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Director stated proper knowledge of how and when to make Required Reports to the Department.****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)****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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 42****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 26

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that all newly hired Staff received initial Center Orientation prior to assignment to children or task, as required.

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025**

**Corrected on 3/25/2026**

.33(2)(a)-(n) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the initial Center orientation on file for Staff included all required subjects.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025**

**Corrected on 3/25/2026**

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed ten clock hours of diverse training for applicable Staff on file, as required.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.