



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/4/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-2398

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST ACADEMY

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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.
12/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/15/2023	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
Bldg 1	A	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	22	C	Centers
Bldg 1	B	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	C		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D		0	0	C	15	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
Bldg 1	F		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	g	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	H	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Diapering,Floor Play
Bldg 1	I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	21	C	Centers
Bldg 1	J		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	K		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	L		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	M		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg II	downstairs		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	O		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	P		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	Q		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	T- Upstairs		0	0	C	25	C	34	C	Not In Use

Bldg II	U-Upstairs	0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					
Total # Children this Date: 67		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 287		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Large	112	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	8	20	22	18	0	50

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.dec.al.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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that vinyl furniture with tears and exposed foam remain inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that chairs are not stacked to prevent tipping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that ziplock bags with plastic sliders remain inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

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 the following potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom A

-There was a plastic grocery bag on a shelf at the back left of the classroom.

Classroom B

-There was a broom behind the plastic storage shelf at the back right of the bathroom.
-There was a pack of baby wipes, a grocery bag, and a container of Miami Carry On disinfecting and sanitizing wipes inside the plastic storage shelf.

Classroom E

-There was a container of Clorox disinfecting wipes and a container of Great Value disinfecting wipes, and a plastic grocery bag inside the children's cubbies.
-There was a plastic grocery bag inside the unlocked drawer below the diaper changing counter.
-There was a tube of Aquaphor diaper rash paste at the edge of the counter near the handwashing sink.
-There were three packs of plastic diaper packaging inside a storage cubby at the back right of the classroom.

Classroom G

-There was a broom and a Swiffer dust mop at the front left of the classroom.
-There were two unlocked drawers below the diaper changing counter with adult scissors and two boxes of staples.
-There was a storage shelf in the bathroom with three packs of assorted brand baby wipes and four packs of plastic diaper packaging.

Classroom I

-There were several plastic grocery bags stored on top of boxes at the back right of the classroom.
-There was a broom, a dust pan, and a vacuum at the front middle of the classroom near the bathroom.

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: 12/5/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that outdoor equipment be free of hazards such as lead-based paint, sharp corners, rust and splinters. It was determined based on observation that the swing connectors of the infant/toddler bucket swings at the back left of the main playground was rusted on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safety of equipment, the center will repair all equipment and add resilient surface around the rubber mat.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Recited on 12/4/2025

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****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 the exhaust fan in classroom H was not in working order as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Corrected on 12/4/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation corrected in that nine of nine crib sheets were tight-fitting as required on this date.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Corrected on 12/4/2025

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that 100% of Staff had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Corrected on 12/4/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that 100% of Staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file on this date.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- The Provider will have until December 31, 2025 to complete 10 hours of diverse annual training for the 2025 calendar year. This will be evaluated during the 2026 regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that Staff in classroom A, classroom E, and classroom H, were not seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025