



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/31/2026 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 10:40 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-55295

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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.
08/31/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/07/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/17/2026	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	5R	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A: 2R:	Infants	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C: 3R:	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E: 4R:	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	F: 1M: Four and Five Year Olds	GA PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G: 2M: Three Year Olds	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H: 3M: Three Year Olds		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I: 1R: Four and Five Year Olds	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	J: 1L: Four Year Olds	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	K: 2L: ASP	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	38	C	NA	NA	Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 124

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: 6 wk - 12 month	10	C
Main	B: 6 wk - 2 yr olds	33	C

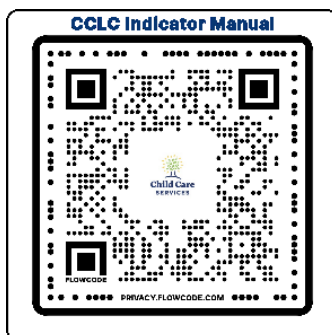
Main	C: 3 to 12 yr olds	23	C
Main	D: Afterschool Age	34	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only

Comments

Investigative Findings were reviewed on this date. A copy of the report was reviewed and left on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. No hazards were attached around any infants neck or clothes.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. In Main 5R a ratio of 2:17 was observed. Additionally, the appropriate ratios were maintained through out the Center.