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Date: 3/10/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-23803

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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.
03/10/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/03/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/24/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

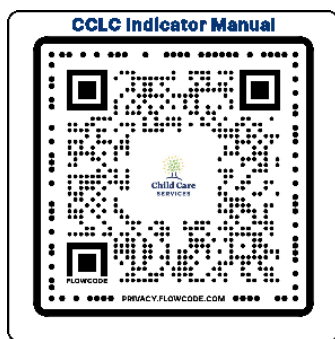
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	101 1st lft	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	102 A front	One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	102 B back	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	103	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	104 4th lft	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	105 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 B back	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	106 A front	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	106 B back	One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	107 A front	Infants	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	107 B back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	108 1st rt.		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	113 upstairs rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	114 upstairs back		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 241			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 2	116 1st rt		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	117 2nd rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	118 3rd rt	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 125			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 306			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	A front	24	C
Building 1	B back lft	43	C
Building 1	C rt	181	C
Building 2	D back	200	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on a previous visit.

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>.

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

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.dec.al.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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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 3/10/2026

The previous citation was found to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

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Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Defer

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It was found that 4 of the mattresses have been replaced and another has been input for the mattresses.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

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Staff Records

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

Met

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Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

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