



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/21/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:20 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-48035

Tracey's Stay-N-Play

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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.
07/21/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/22/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	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
Main	Room A (Infants)	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	Room B (1 & 2 year old)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C (3 year old)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Main	Room D		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 21

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	59	C

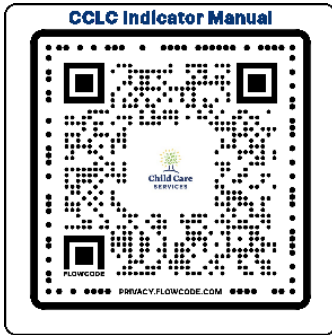
Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	4	5	1	3	0	10

Comments

Staff records, transportation records and other required items were available for the Consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit report was conducted with Staff due to the Director being on a field trip. An email with the Monitoring visit report was sent to the Director for signature of Staff.

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@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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured 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 met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(15) requires that any outside storage or equipment area be locked, separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure, and shall not be accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the outside storage building that is located on the playground, was not locked and the door was cracked.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will routinely check outside storage or equipment areas to ensure they are locked or otherwise inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Recited on 7/21/2026

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards:

* The red fire engine and blue merry-go-around on the left side of the playground had exposed rust and in need of repainting.

* The green tractor on the left side of the playground had a large hole located at the back of the equipment that measured four (4) inches long and five (5) inches wide that could be a potential entrapment hazard.

* A gap between the bottom of the building and the ground to measure nine feet six inches along the perimeter opening, however just past the opening the space underneath the building measured less than nine inches and more than three and a half inches, posing a potential entrapment hazard for the children in care due to the concrete footers being used to support the building.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. Tricycle Merry-Go-Around needs to be taped off and removed from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2026

Recited on 7/21/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation, several thorny vines were growing through the fence in the following areas:

* Back left corner, near climbing equipment

* Along the back fencing

* Along the fencing beside the storage building

* Along the fencing behind the swings

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that at the previous visit conducted on July 29, 2025, the consultant discussed with the Provider to submit an amendment on the playground due to the addition of a storage building. The provider has not submitted this amendment as requested by the consultant as of this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026

Recited on 7/21/2026

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of transportation records, the van with tag #CVS8730 did not have an Annual Inspection completed for the current year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Recited on 7/21/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)-This citation will be deferred until next regulatory visit.

Van was not in use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.36(4)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on the date. A fire extinguisher was observed on the bus with tag #CVS8730. Consultant observed children load and buckle their seat belts before leaving for a field trip.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.14(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have a current pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on file.

CPR expires in August of 2026.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.14(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected. A first aid kit was observed on Bus with tag# CVS8730, which is being used by the Center at this time.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had completed the required ten (10) hours of Health and Safety Training that is required within the first 90 days of employment.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.33(5)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have completed the ten (10) hours of annual Staff training for the 2025 year.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2026

Corrected on 7/21/2026

.33(5)(b)(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had completed the required two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices for the 2025 year.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.