



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/21/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:25 AM Departure: 1:25 PM

CCLC-35159

Three Taverns Church- The Academy

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/21/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/02/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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	A-1R-102	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B-2R-108	Infants	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3L-105	Infants	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	D-2L-103	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-1L-101		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- Back Middle-113	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	G- Back 1R-129	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	H- Back 2R-127	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, TV

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 61

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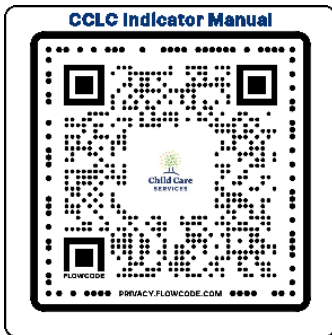
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground Back	26	C
Main	Playground Front	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	8	12	24	8	6	0

Comments

The exit conference was conducted with the Director.

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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All televisions in Rooms G, H and F were 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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2026

Corrected on 5/21/2026

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The bathrooms in the hallways near Rooms A, B and F had working exhaust systems.

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

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The fence measured 48 inches, as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that there are no rakes or cleaning supplies for windows on the playground before the students enter the area to play.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that three infants were wearing pacifier attachments to their clothes in Room C-3L-105

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement and will remove the attachments immediately.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2026

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All changing pads in Rooms A, B, C and D were in good condition.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Please ensure that staff are removing bibs from infants when transferring them from a swing to a crib for a nap.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(a) requires that a Center shall maintain the infant's sleeping area to be comfortable for a lightly clothed adult within a temperature range of sixty-five (65) to eighty-five (85) degrees depending upon the season. There shall be lighting adequate to see each sleeping infant's face to view the color of the infant's skin and check on the infant's breathing. It was determined based on observation that the lights were off in Room B-2R-108 during nap time, which created a dark environment to not allow Staff to see the infants faces clearly while sleeping in the crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep the sleeping area(s) for infants adequately lit and at a comfortable temperature, as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

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

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

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.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Adequate supervision while students were taking restroom breaks was provided.