



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-51437

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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. 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.
01/08/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/24/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2024	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
Bldg 1	A-1L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	B-2L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	C-3 Far Left		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D-3L		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	E-3R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	F-2R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	G-1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Bldg 2	A-1st Left		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	B-Far Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	C-1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A-1st Left Side	55	C
Bldg 1	B-Far Right side	19	C
Bldg 2	Main Playground	60	C

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

Comments

The CCS Consultant discussed and emailed a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. The updated Child Care Learning Center Indicator Manual was also emailed today.

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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed monitoring the equipment and toys for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the black border surrounding the carpet was observed to be torn creating a potential tripping hazard in classroom F-2R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary. The Center will repair the black carpet border to prevent potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2026

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 two vacuum cleaners were observed stored in the hallway leading to classroom B-2L and classroom D-3L. It was also determined that a Craftsman wet vacuum was sitting on the front right entrance and several bottles of cleaning products were stored in an unlocked cabinet underneath the diaper changing table located on the back left side of classroom D-3L. A vacuum cleaner, broom, dust pan, and an air blower were observed sitting on the floor at the front entrance of classroom B-2L. A tube of Butt Paste and Babyganics Sunscreen were stored in a low sitting cubby located on the front left side and a fire extinguisher was sitting on the counter at the front right entrance of classroom C-3Far Left. Six buckets of paint, painting equipment, a vacuum cleaner, a bucket, and a mop were stored in classroom E-3R. All items contained the label Keep Out Of Reach Of Children.

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: 1/8/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based observation that the over grown bushes were observed on the back right side and back left side of Playground B-Far Right Side. The limbs of the bush were observed to contain thorns creating a potential scratching hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed. The Center will trim the limbs of the bush back to prevent further growth towards the bicycle trail.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following areas were in need of repair:

- Classroom B-2L - Chipped paint was observed on the back left wall located in the home living area and spider webs were observed in the second back left window. A broken wooden door was observed to be sitting at the front left entrance of the classroom.
- Classroom C-3 Far Left - A broken wooden door was observed to be leaning against the cubbies located at the front left entrance of the classroom. The first front left light fixture cover was not secured to the ceiling and was hanging exposing the light bulbs. The toilet located in the second front right restroom was inoperable.
- Classroom D-3L - Chipped paint was observed on the front right and front left entrance walls and the brown baseboard was peeling from the wall on the front left and front right entrance walls.
- Classroom F-2R - Chipped paint was observed on the window seal located on the back right side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. Per the Owner, the center will be repainted on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 blue rails attached to the large wooden sliding structure contained chipped paint.

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. The Center will repaint the rails and continue to monitor the wooden sliding structure for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the green and yellow climbing wall and the blue, brown, red, green, and white sliding structure did not have any resilient surface beneath the equipment. Six inches of resilient surface was required for the green and yellow climbing wall and three inches of resilient surface was required for the blue, red, green, and white sliding structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

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 that the following hazards were observed on the playground areas:

- Playground A-1st Left Side - Broken branches were observed on the back left side of the playground. Exposed tree roots were observed on the back left side creating a potential tripping hazard.
- Playground B-Far Right Side - Exposed tree roots were observed on the back right side and the front right side of the playground. A piece of fencing was observed leaning against the building on the back middle left side of the playground area.

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: 1/8/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that two yellow feeding chairs were missing the black straps located on the front right entrance of classroom A-1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. The Center will replace the black straps to ensure all children are safely secured to the seats during feeding times.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the first front right entrance sink located in classroom C-3 Far Left did not have warm running water available. It was further determined based on observation that the two children's sinks in classroom F-2R did not have warm running water available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will repair the sinks in classroom F-2R and classroom C-3 Far Left to ensure warm running water is available.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a bottle of Tylenol and a bottle of Motrin were observed to be sitting in a low cubby area located on the front left side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

No infants were enrolled during the visit. The Consultant discussed SIDS and safe sleep practices with the Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit was conducting on April 24, 2025.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that children under the age of 3-year-old (five 1-year-olds and one 2-year-old) were housed with children over the age of 3-year-old (one 3-year-old and one 4-year-old) in classroom G-1R. A ratio of 2:8 was observed during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

Technical Assistance

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.