



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/10/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-37111

Precious Jewels Early Learning Center

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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	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/29/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/06/2025	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
1	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap
1	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
2	D		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
2	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
3	F		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Playground A	30	C
1	Playground B	37	C

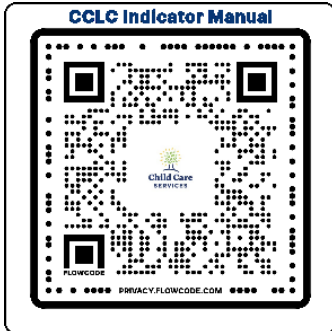
Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	7	14	12	2	2	7

Comments

Reviewed weather chart and observed the chart posted.

March 11, 2026: Monitoring Visit Form revised to correct grammatical errors and other errors in dates, wording, etc. The citation made during the visit on March 10, 2026 under Rule No. 591-1-1-.36(7)(c) was corrected to be shown as a violation of Rule No. 591-1-1-.36(7)(c)(1).
Entered by Rena Keene

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.dec.al.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 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.

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

Met

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. Twenty additional children were transported to the center after school on March 10, 2026, but the children were distributed in Buildings 1 and 2, and the licensed capacities were still in compliance. Building 3 is currently not in use due to repairs being made.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 3/10/2026

.25(11) - The flooring was repaired on either side of the gates on the right and left side of the room.

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

Not Met

Comment

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined based on observation that the playground on the left rear side of the center lacked any shaded areas. Director stated that there was a tarp providing shade prior to Hurricane Helene, but the shade has not been replaced.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 3/10/2026

.26(6) - A new tarp had been purchased and used to cover the sandbox and the plastic playhouse had been repaired. The silver truck that had rough edges resulting from a broken mirror had been repaired with tape, but according to the Director, the children had removed the tape. The truck was removed from the play area while consultant was present.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) requires washcloth handwashing be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely and for children with special needs; requires that an individual washcloth be used only once for each child before laundering. It was determined based on observation that a washcloth was used to clean the hands of a diapered child who was physically able to use the sink with running water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on how to correctly use washcloth handwashing and will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2026

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

Met

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined based on a review of transportation records and observation that no information was available for two of the eleven children transported on the 2015 white Ford van from Westside Elementary School to the center on March 10, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of transportation records and observation that two children were transported on the afternoon of March 10, 2026, from Westside Elementary School to the center who did not have emergency medical information on file or on the vehicle while being transported.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)1 requires that children be listed individually on the passenger transportation checklist using their first and last names. It was determined based on a review of transportation records and observation that the transportation checklist for the 2015 White Ford van did not include the names of two children who were transported to the center from Westside Elementary School on March 10, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each child is listed individually by first and last name on the checklist.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of transportation records and observation that two children were transported on the afternoon of March 10, 2026, from Westside Elementary School to the center who were not accounted for when they boarded the van and when they exited the van at the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that Employee No. 1 was originally employed by the Center in 2022 and a satisfactory background check was obtained on July 20, 2022. According to the employee, she left employment at the center in September, 2022, and was re-employed at the center in June, 2025. KOALA records show that an application for fingerprinting was made on June 30, 2025, but no further steps were taken and the application was shown to be closed. Because there was a break in service for longer than six months, a new background check was required. The Criminal Background Check script was read to the Director and a One-Day Letter was left, along with an Affidavit Verifying Completion of Background Check Video Units.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(I)2. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that Employee No. 1 was originally employed by the Center in 2022 and a satisfactory background check was obtained on July 20, 2022. According to the employee, she left employment at the center in September, 2022, and was re-employed at the center in June, 2025. KOALA records show that an application for fingerprinting was made on June 30, 2025, but no further steps were taken and the application was shown to be closed. Because there was a break in service for longer than six months, a new background check was required. The Criminal Background Check script was read to the Director and a One-Day Letter was left, along with an Affidavit Verifying Completion of Background Check Video Units.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for Directors, Employees or Provisional Employees Employee's when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2026**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-.33 Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on a review of staff records that no documentation of orientation was available for Employee No. 1 who was re-hired in June, 2025, and who was performing child care duties on March10, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2026

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.