Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-37954
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/05/2026	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/06/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/24/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

Data retrieval failed for the subreport, 'RatioCapacity', located at: Koala.Reports.Visits.RDLC.RatioCapacity.rdlc.

Comments
The exit Conference was conducted with the Director, Sharon Toliver.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.

Compliance at a Glance

For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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@decal.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 Licensing Study 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) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **N/A**

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards accessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The fence hazards were repaired.

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 all the swing chains and S connectors were rusted on Playground PG/B Middle. It was further determined that the yellow protective swing covers was peeling on Playgrounds PG/B Middle and PG/C Right.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Recited on 8/5/2026

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The exposed concrete was repaired.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no bibs around the necks of the infants.

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment
Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.21(1)(p) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The emergency preparedness plan was on file.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment
Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were new car seats on the vehicles.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.30(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All cribs sheets were tight-fitting.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The sleeping infants were placed in safety-approved cribs.

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: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All of the Staff pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training was completed.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All of the staff 10 clock hours of diverse training was completed.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All of the lead Staff had the minimum academic requirements.

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**

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/5/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All of the staff were positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children.