



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/3/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:25 AM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-33320

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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.
06/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
04/09/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/13/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Down 1st Rt	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Down 2nd Rt	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Down Left	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	12	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Up 1st Left	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up 1st Left Two	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Up 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Two	Back Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning, Outside
Two	Back Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Two	Left	Infants	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Two	Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Two	Up Right-Otters	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

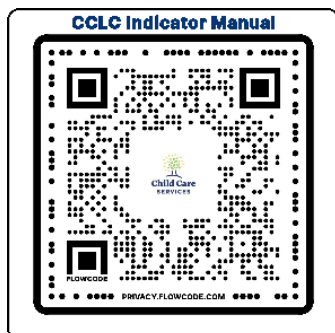
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	9	C
Main	Playground B	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
18	19	26	20	13	0	0

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Ladesha Jenkins.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/17/2026



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

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(1) - Please ensure that children are not sitting idle during art activities in classroom Up 2nd Left.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Technical Assistance

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Please ensure that toys for children under three years of age are age-appropriate; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure to repair the small missing piece of tile in classroom Back Left near the column.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026

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 the following hazards were observed:

Down 1st Rt

- Diapering creams were observed in a drawer in the restroom accessible to children in care.

Down Left

- A staff bag was observed on top of the refrigerator accessible to children in care.

Up 2nd Left

- A staff bag was observed on the left side of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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 hazards were observed:

Main building

Down 1st Rt

- Rust was observed on the vent on the back right side of the classroom
- Chipping paint was observed between the tables near the window on the right side.

Down Left

- A rusted vent was observed near the refrigerator on the right side of the classroom.

Up 1st Left

- Chipping paint was observed on the left wall.

Building 2

- Chipping paint was observed on the closet in classroom Back Left.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/3/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed removing the deteriorating wood on the entrance/exit fence on Playground A.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed adding mesh to the spacing on the large wooden equipment to avoid entrapment hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure to completely wrap up the water hose to make it inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that the wood chips are cleaned from under the diapering pad in classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that crib sheets are changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

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
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtime, nap time, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a 4-year-old child was observed walking out of classroom Up 1st Left to the restroom in the hallway without adult supervision for approximately one minute. It was further determined that a 3-year-old child was observed in the hallway for approximately one minute without adult supervision. The child was observed to walk back into classroom Up Right Otters.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Recited on 6/3/2026