



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/23/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-63194**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                 |         | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 09/23/2026                         | Licensing Study | Support |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/22/2026                         | TA Follow Up    | NA      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/25/2026                         | TA Follow Up    | NA      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room                        | Age Group                          | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF.                    | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| First Building                 | 1st Left- Back Infants      | Infants                            | 1                               | 4        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| First Building                 | 1st Right (School Age)      |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| First Building                 | 2nd Left One's              | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 5        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| First Building                 | 2nd Right- Infants 2        |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 6                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| First Building                 | 4th Right-Back Two's        | Two Year Olds                      | 1                               | 8        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Music      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57 |                             |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |            |
| New Building                   | 1st Left (3-5 years)        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 10       | C    | 32                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| New Building                   | 1st Right (GA PK)           | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 7        | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| New Building                   | 2nd Right (Elementary Room) |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78 |                             |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 34 |                             |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |

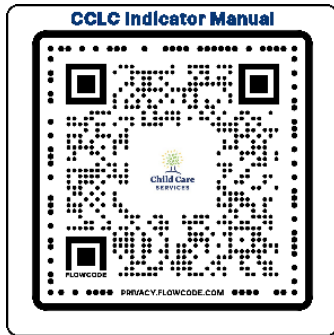
| Building     | Playground    | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| New Building | School Age PG | 39                   | C                     |
| New Building | Toddler PG    | 56                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children    |                   |                                   |                                     |              |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Infant (0-12 months) | Toddler (1-2 yrs) | Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care) | School Age (before/after care only) | GA PreK only | Summer Only |
| 4                    | 16                | 20                                | 10                                  | 7            | 0           |

#### Comments

Playground Maintenance was discussed with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/07/2026



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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



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.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto: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 Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

Met

**Correction Deadline:** 5/6/2026

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

.03(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current lesson plans on this date.

**Comment**

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Not Met

**Comment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observations that children aged 3-5 years old were climbing and walking up the slide and not utilizing it in a safe manner as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observations that the following furniture needed to be cleaned and in good repair as required:

First Building

Back Two's

-Child Sofa Torn with exposed foam

3rd Right

-Black Sofa Torn with exposed foam

New Building

1st Left

-Was Toy Crib/Dirty

-Brown Shelves paint chipping

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**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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| <b>Children's Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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| <b>Facility</b> |
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.06(4) - The previous citation as observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the exhaust and light functioning properly as required.**

**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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard such as baby wipes inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that gaps should not exceed 3 1/2 inches as required.

**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observations that the left side of the fence near the parking lot measured 42 inches in height and the backside of the fence measured 46 inches in height. Additionally, the fencing around the Playgrounds were made of lattice which was not approved fencing material.

**Correction Deadline: 10/23/2026**

**Recited on 9/23/2026**

**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 observations that the slide and climbing structure resilient surfacing measured 1 inch and not six inches as required in the fall zones.

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed tree roots painted with neon colors and concrete in good repair as required.**

**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 observations that all the toys and equipment on the Toddler Playground were dirty and the equipment contained mildew and not kept clean as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2026**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.15(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current menus posted as required.**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observations that the exhaust in the One's classroom was not working as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that diaper changing pads should be smooth and nonporous as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

Please ensure that no child has access to storage.

**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.

**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Corrected on 9/23/2026

.16(f) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed an approved Amendment on file for not in use rooms changed to licensed space rooms as required.

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observations that the cots were stored with sheets and blankets touching and not stored without touching as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/23/2026**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 12**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/23/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff with submitted applications and complete fingerprinting as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff with a current and satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination Letter on file as required.**

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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired items in first aid kits.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

**.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all staff with current First Aid and CPR certification on file as required.**

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on observations that Staff #9 did not have health and safety orientation on file within 90 days of employment as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 10/23/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #12 did not have four clock hours of training in nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage on file as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026**

**Corrected on 9/23/2026**

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all Staff with current (10) ten clock hours of diverse annual training as required.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**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.