



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/12/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:15 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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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.
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
11/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/20/2025	Initial 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
Main	1L-Three and Above	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R-Infant	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 6			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

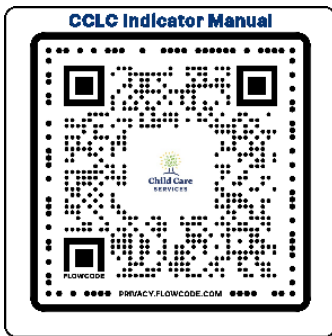
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	41	C

<u>Enrolled Children</u>						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	2	5	3	1	0	4

Comments

The visit report was completed on May 12, 2026. The visit report was reviewed and discussed with Owner, Cherrie McNair.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/27/2026



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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment and furniture were unsecured and posed a tipping hazard:

- 1L-Three and Above Classroom

*The television located on top of a low black shelf containing children's cubbies was not secured.

- 2R-Infant Classroom

*The two white shelves stacked serving as the children's cubbies were not secured.

* A portable heater was observed unsecured and in use on the top of the stacked white shelves.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that four of five children's files reviewed were missing the phone numbers for the parents' employers. It was further determined based on observation that one of five children's files reviewed was missing the information for the emergency contact person(s). Additionally, two of five children's files reviewed were missing the information for the child's authorized release person(s).

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

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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

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.25(11) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed in 1L-Three and Above and 2R-Infant Classrooms carpets were smooth and repaired as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.25(12) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed in 1L-Three and Above Classroom that the window air conditioning unit was removed as required.

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 potential hazardous materials were accessible to the children in care:

- 2R-Infants

*One Luvs pull-ups in it's original packaging were inside a child's cubbie

*One plastic bag of clothes inside a child's cubbie

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom 1L-Three and Above Classroom two of six electrical outlets within children's reach did not have protective caps on this date. It was further determined that electrical cord to the window air conditioning was accessible to children. Additionally, one electrical outlet in 2R-Infant Classroom was observed not covered on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

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 observation that on the Main Playground near the entrance to the playground the first and second panel of fencing from the back right corner was detached from the ground and could easily be pushed up. It was further determined that the fencing facing the road and driveway, the front double gate measured 44 inches in height and the front single gate measured 46 inches in height when 48 inches in height was required.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

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 a water hose was observed stretched from the building through the fence to the front of the center posing as a tripping hazard to children present and running on the playground on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.17(8) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed each classroom that Staff washed their hands after entering the classroom after outside time as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.20(4) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Staff stated that medication was not dispensed on this date.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The program was not caring for infants on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that the following Staff did not have a certification in pediatric First Aid and CPR within 45 days of employment as required:

- Staff #1 hired on October 6, 2025

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026**Recited on 5/12/2026**

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation that Staff #5 assigned to the 2R-Infant Classroom and the only staff present with children was missing a current and valid certification in pediatric First Aid and CPR as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.24(1)- The previous citation was being deferred. The citation will be evaluated at the next licensing study conducted at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the Staff member had obtained the health and safety orientation training as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.32(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff: Child ratio in the Main 1R-Infants classroom had 1:3 and in the Main 1L-Threes and up classroom had 1:3 as required.

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 three 2-year-old children, one 3-year-old child, and two 4-year-old children were observed housed together during outdoor play when it was required for the children under 3-years-old to be housed separate from older children.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.