



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/28/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:15 PM **Departure:** 5:45 PM

CCLC-32804
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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

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.
09/28/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/04/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/04/2026	Monitoring Visit	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	A- 1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	19	C	Nap
Main	B- 2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	25	C	Nap
Main	C- 3rd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	D 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- 2nd Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- 4th Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							
Modular H	Pre-K	GA PreK	1	14	C	35	C	49	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							

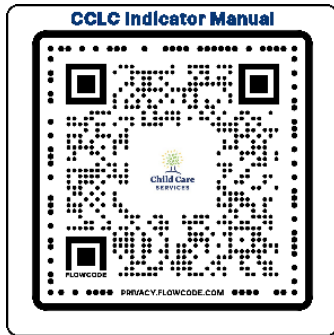
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only
10	44	11	12	15	20

Comments

The findings of this report were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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.

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) Met

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.

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) Met

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was no hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies accessible to the children on this date.

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

Defer

The provider has blocked off the equipment in bad condition, but needs more time to remove it off the playground.

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: 6/14/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The exposed tree roots have been shaved down and sprayed with spray paint.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

the previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff members stated that the students receive milk with every lunch meal .

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

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Students were observed washing their hands after using the restroom and laying down for nap.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff members had evidence of pediatric CPR certification on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff members had evidence of valid pediatric CPR certification on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/4/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff members had a current and valid pediatric CPR certification on file.

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

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 classroom F-3rd Right, Early Head Start had one 3-year-old, seven 2-year-olds, and six 1-year-olds present during nap time with two staff members present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2026

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.