



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/31/2026 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-56451

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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.
03/31/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
01/13/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/21/2025	Complaint Closure	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-A-Front Left		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	1L-B-Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	1R-A-Front Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R-B- Back Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play
Main	2L-A- Front Pre-K		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L-B-Afterschool	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2R-A- Front Right	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R-B-Back Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side Toddler	24	C
Main	Right Side - Afterschool	44	C

Comments

Consultant conducted a follow up visit and a complaint investigation. The investigative findings were not concluded on this date. The investigation remained open pending additional information. Upon completion, the findings will be reviewed with the childcare program, and a final copy of the report will be sent.



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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026

Corrected on 3/31/2026

.25(13) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all potential hazards to be locked in a cabinet or inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2026

Corrected on 3/31/2026

.25(3) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed water marks to be covered and the slow draining sinks were in good repair. The center was currently working on the peeling paint repair at the time of the visit.

	Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation one child in classroom 1R-B-Back Right had a pacifier attached to their clothing and another child had a bib around their neck, during play time, at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that classroom 1R-B-Back Right had 3 of 5 cribs with loose fitting sheets at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 8
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Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/21/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 14

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that a therapist was present and providing services for a child, with a satisfactory background check that was not ported to the center's license at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

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 review of records that 3 of 16 staff were missing their First Aid and CPR certificates.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 3/31/2026

.14(2)(b) - Previous citation observed corrected at the time of the visit. Consultant observed all classroom to have at least one staff present with a First Aid and CPR certification.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(c) requires that during any field trip or transportation of children, there must always be a staff member present who has current evidence of the successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. It was determined based on review of records the designated driver for the transportation route had an expired CPR and First Aid certificate that had expired September 2025.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

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 review of records that 8 of 16 staff were missing their Health and Safety Orientation at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- Previous citation deferred on this date. Consultant will check the center's annual training for the year of 2026 at the next Licensing Study.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026

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 staff statement that one 3-year-old was enrolled in the classroom that housed the 1 and 2-year-olds.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on review of records that the center failed to have written permission for one 3-year-old to remain in the 2-year-old classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026