



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/22/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:10 AM Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-37463

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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.
09/22/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/22/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/24/2024	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	A/1L	Infants	3	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B/2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C/3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	23	C	24	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D/Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E/3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	22	C	30	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Circle Time
Main	F/2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	G/1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 100					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

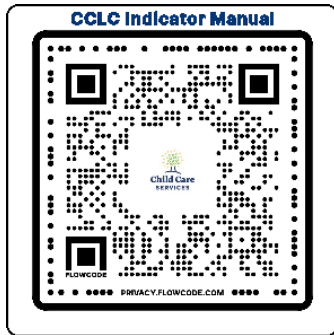
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Infant/Toddler	85	C
Main	PG A/Front R	39	C
Main	PG B/Back	285	C

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
8	32	69	30	0	0

Comments

Visit www.decal.ga.gov to learn more about Choking Prevention

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of equipment and materials throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that all furniture be free from hazardous conditions. Equipment and furniture that is not in good repair, may expose objects that are hazardous to children. The consultant observed one red sofa in Room C/3L to have a small tear on the seat on the sofa and a small hole on the left and right arms of the sofa exposing the foam.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the licensed capacity to be met in all classrooms on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the Center to be clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

The consultant observed all playground to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) -Please ensure that climbing and swinging equipment to have a approved resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment and ensure that it is adequately maintained. The consultant observed compacted resilient surfacing that could be fluffed and redistributed to meet requirements. The requirements are:

- Equipment under three feet -soft surface (grass, foam mats)
- Equipment three to five feet tall- a depth of at least three inches of approved resilient surface
- Equipment five feet or greater- a depth of at least six inches of approved resilient surface
- Open Swings: a depth of at least six inches of approved resilient surface
- Fall zones for slides: Extend four feet in all directions from the base of the steps and five feet from the end of the slide and should extend out into a semi-circle shaped area.
- Fall zones for swings: Measure the length of the swing chain plus an additional seven feet

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

The consultant discussed all diapering requirements with staff and staff stated proper knowledge of the diapering procedure.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Allergy plan on file for children who requires it.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a positive learning environment on this date in that positive redirection was observed throughout the Center.

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

The consultant discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with staff on this date. A pleasant nap time environment was observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided 18 staff files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

The consultant observed all criminal record checks to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Corrected on 9/22/2026

.09(1)(j) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in the that the staff had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department on file.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) - The consultant observed all staff present in the classroom with children to have current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2026

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed all staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the Center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed Adequate supervision on this date.