



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 3/23/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 2:35 PM

CCLC-39820

The Children's Courtyard

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Quality Rated: ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                   |               | <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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| 03/23/2026                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/30/2025                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/19/2025                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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-Front Middle   | Infants                            | 2     | 5        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Lunch          |
| Main                            | B-Front Left     | Infants                            | 2     | 7        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Feeding    |
| Main                            | C-2nd Left       | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 8        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                     |
| Main                            | D-3rd Left       | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 11       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Lunch, Transitioning |
| Main                            | E-4th Left       | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 13       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Nap        |
| Main                            | F-Back Left Side | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 13       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                     |
| Main                            | G-Back Middle    | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 22       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Lunch      |
| Main                            | H-Front Right    |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                           |
| Main                            | I-2nd Right      | GA PreK                            | 1     | 18       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                     |
| Main                            | J-2nd Middle     | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 19       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                     |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196 |                  |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                           |
| Total # Children this Date: 116 |                  |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                           |

| Building | Playground       | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Plgd-Front Left  | 33                   | C                     |
| Main     | Plgd-Front Right | 10                   | C                     |

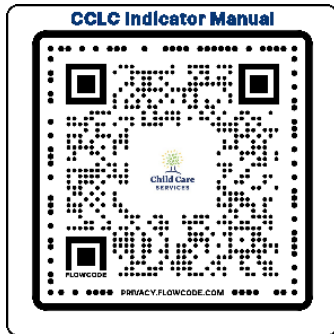
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| Main | Plgd-Rear Left  | 29 | C |
| Main | Plgd-Rear Right | 51 | C |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 13                | 25      | 32      | 33      | 27      | 10                 | 9                 |

#### Comments

The Exit Conference discussed the Monitoring visit Citations and Technical Assistance.

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>.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!**



## 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

#### Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure to watch for tearing on classrooms sofa's and ensuring Classroom D and F dramatic play kitchen sinks are sealed to prevent entrapment hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that classroom C and F had empty book shelves that were not accessible to children.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that classrooms D,F,G,I and J had none functioning exhaust fans for the bathrooms.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by the center on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

The Consultants discussed with the Director to ensure resilient surface is maintained around fall zones

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2026**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 12/22/2025**

**Corrected on 3/23/2026**

**The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The 3-year-old teacher was observed to use appropriate discipline towards a child.**

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Comment**

Please ensure to write in staff names, vehicle tag numbers and dates on the week days. This should be completed on each form.

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all children Transportation Agreement forms reflects the standards of Bright From The Start forms.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026**

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|  | <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Director provided 13 files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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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.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.