



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/16/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

**CCLC-63713**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/16/2026                         | Monitoring Visit | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/22/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/29/2025                         | 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 Right- 3yrs  | Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1     | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main     | B 2nd Right 1-2yrs |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Main     | C- 3rd back 2yrs   | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 5        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap           |
| Main     | D- 1yr             |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Main     | E- Infants         | Infants                            | 1     | 3        | C    | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap           |
| Main     | F- 4-12 yrs (ASP)  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 27         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 16

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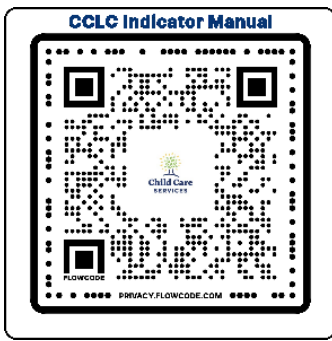
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A All ages | 30                   | C                     |

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

**Comments**  
 Visit Completed

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/30/2026



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.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.decal.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(j)(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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(1) requires the Center to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles. It was determined based on observation that the lesson plan in the Infant room was not available for review.

**Correction Deadline:** 7/20/2026

**Recited on** 7/16/2026

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Corrected on 7/16/2026**

## Finding

**Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026**

**Recited on 7/16/2026**

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 1/22/2026**

**Corrected on 7/16/2026**

**.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The pipes had been repaired.**

## Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Routine playground maintenance procedures were discussed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

### Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

## Technical Assistance

## Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

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

## Met

Center does not provide routine transportation.

### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2025

### "Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

## Met

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Not Met**

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 review of records that staff person #5 who worked alone in Room A, did not have evidence of current and valid pediatric CPR and first aid training on file.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

**Recited on 7/16/2026**

## Met

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staffing and Supervision

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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.