



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/25/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:40 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-62311

Imagination Station Too

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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.
03/25/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/30/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/31/2025	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	Room - A (Middle - Ft. Left)	Infants	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room - B (Middle - Bk Left)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Floor Play
Main	Room - K (Left Wing - bk left)	GA PreK	2	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C - (Middle - Ft. Back Rt.)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D - (Middle - Ft. Rt.)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
Main	Room E - Rt. Wing ft. left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	NC	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room F - (Rt. wing - bk left)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room H - (Rt. Wing - ft. middle)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room I - (Rt. Wing - ft. rt.)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room J - (Left wing - ft. left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room L - (Left Wing - Bk Right)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room M - (Left Wing - Ft. rt.)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department

Total # Children this Date: 77

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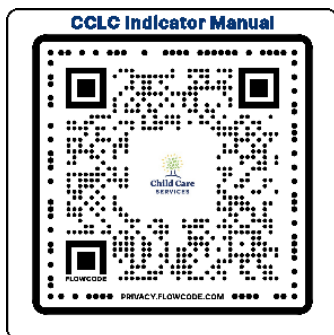
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (Left)	224	C
Main	Playground B - (Middle)	81	C
Main	Playground C - (Right)	228	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	1	20	28	14	6	10

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

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.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

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.decal.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.

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@decal.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.

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

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the ceiling tile in Room K restroom were in need of being replaced due to staining and one missing tile.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected. All hazards were inaccessible to children in care.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-Citation will be deferred until the next regulatory visit. The playground in which the tripping hazards were present were under construction and a proper evaluation was not able to be completed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.15(2) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed ensuring that all feeding plans stay current and Bright from the Start requirements.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the cutting of food and size requirements for toddlers.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.15(7) - Citation corrected.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the Bright from the Start annual inspection form needs to be completed for the center bus, and not just the inspection form for the business.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that on March 17, 2026, two children were not marked as loaded/unloaded or absent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the week of March 9, 2026 and March 16, 2026 that center transportation logs did not have the date listed daily at the bottom of the form as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each date and time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Recited on 3/25/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that on March 13, 2026, a second check was not completed when the center bus returned from Matthews Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 22

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 26

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 30

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s) on the center bus.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(b) requires the training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on a review of records that Room C, Room K, and Room I had staff members present that were not currently training in emergency care of infants and children. It was further determined that the bus driver was not currently training in the care of infants and children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff must successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid taught by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Director will send copies via email of verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.33(2)(a)-(n) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation corrected.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that in Room E one staff member was present with eight 3-year-old children and three 2-year-old children when consultant entered the room. The other staff member walked in from the hallway right after. A ratio of 1:10 should have been maintained.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room B a 1-year-old child had breakfast and upon walking up to the room neither staff in the room were seated within arms length of the child, and were outside of the gated area where the child was located.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Recited on 3/25/2026