



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/25/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

CCLC-48078

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
02/25/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/11/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/06/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

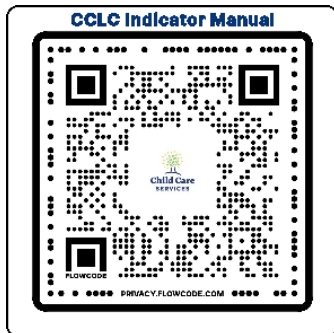
Ratios/License Capacity

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 and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	B/1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C/Mid L	One Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D/Mid R	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E//R Rear	GA PreK	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F/R Mid	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G/R Front	GA PreK	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	C/Back	162	C
Main	PG B/Middle	259	C
Main	PG/A Front	82	C
Main	PG/C Left	14	C

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Owner, Herline Ford, on February 25, 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

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@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:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the furniture and equipment was in good condition throughout the center.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on a observation that there were diaper wipes and plastic bags accessible to children in the restroom in classroom B/1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The bags were removed during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2026

Recited on 2/25/2026

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.26(4)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having contracted for the repairs to be made and there was a delay in getting the materials.The consultant observed that materials to fix the fence were being delivered at the time of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-he previous citation was deferred due to the center having contracted for the repairs to be made and there was a delay in getting the materials.The consultant observed that materials were being delivered to fix the playground during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2026

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the vehicle was in clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2026

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that center staff documented in writing the dates of transportation routes.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that 12 of 19 mats were torn at the corner in classroom G/R Front. The center received new mats for the classroom during the visit, but were past the correction deadline of December 11, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will monitor the condition of the mats and replace torn mats as needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2026

Recited on 2/25/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit December 11, 2025.