



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/4/2026

**VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:25 PM

**CCLC-52724**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/04/2026                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/05/2026                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/14/2026                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Deficient     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

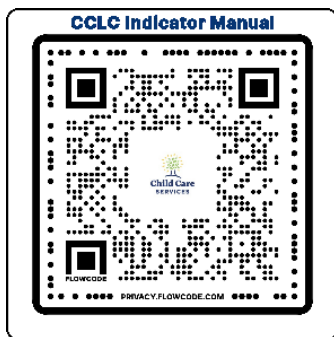
| Building                       | Room     | Age Group                                                     | Staff | Children | NC/C                            | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes       |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Main                           | 4th R-G  |                                                               | 0     | 0        | C                               | 22         | C            | 30         | C            | Not In Use  |
| Main                           | 1st L- A | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 16       | C                               | 22         | C            | 31         | C            | Centers     |
| Main                           | 1st R- B | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                               | 1     | 9        | C                               | 22         | C            | 32         | C            | Circle Time |
| Main                           | 2nd L- D |                                                               | 0     | 0        | C                               | 11         | C            | 16         | C            | Not In Use  |
| Main                           | 2nd R-C  | Infants and One Year Olds                                     | 2     | 5        | C                               | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Nap |
| Main                           | 3rd L-E  | One Year Olds                                                 | 1     | 7        | C                               | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main                           | 4th R-F  |                                                               | 0     | 0        | C                               | 18         | C            | 25         | C            | Not In Use  |
|                                |          | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113                               |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 152 |            |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 37 |          | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113                               |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 152 |            |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A All ages | 36                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 10                | 10      | 10      | 14      | 14      | 0                  | 43                |

**Comments**

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.



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.

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Corrected on 3/4/2026

.03(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any children in confining equipment on this date.

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Corrected on 3/4/2026

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any potential hazards accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

Corrected on 3/4/2026

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the ceiling diffusers to clean building wide on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following electrical hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom 1st L- A

-There was an unused electrical outlet at the back left of the classroom.

Classroom 2nd L- D

-There were two unused electrical outlets at the front left and back left of the classroom.

Classroom 2nd R- C

-There was a black electrical cord located at the back right of the classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026**

**Recited on 3/4/2026**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were accessible to children on this date:

-The chain link fence located at the front right had a disconnected top rail and the fabric was sagging inward.

-There was a 5 inch bottom gap and a 12 inch top gap between the wall and the chain link fence post located at the back right of the playground.

**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: 4/6/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following playground hazards were accessible to children on this date:

-There black playground liner was exposed posing tripping hazards at the front right and back right of the playground.

-There was a large ant pile located at the front left of the playground.

**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: 3/25/2026**

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026**

**Corrected on 3/4/2026**

**.15(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any infants being fed using propped bottles on this date.**

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026****Corrected on 3/4/2026****.10(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have diaper changing pads without tears as required.**

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026****Corrected on 3/4/2026****.29(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant discussed the reporting requirements with the Provider on this date.**

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**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026****Corrected on 3/4/2026****.30(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed children to sleep in/on the required equipment on this date.**

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

**Corrected on 3/4/2026**

**.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed Center staff to be seated within an arms length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger as required on this date.**