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Date: 3/3/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-55290

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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.
03/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	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: Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Nap,Diapering,Feeding,Floor Play
Main	B: Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Diapering
Main	C: One Year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack,Nap,Lunch
Main	D: One Year olds	One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art,Lunch,Nap
Main	E: Two Year olds	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Supper,Outside
Main	F: Two Year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
Main	G: Three Year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Centers,Transitioning
Main	H: Three Year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 106					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

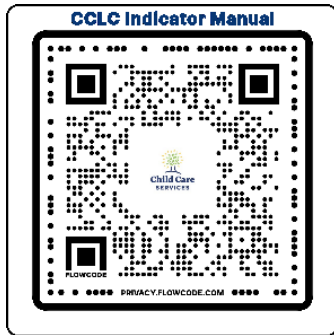
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Left)	26	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
18	25	34	37	5	0	0

Comments

The consultant reviewed the Monitoring Visit with the Center Director and emailed a copy via DocuSign.

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!



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: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.03(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed current GELDS lesson plans posted for all classrooms.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.12(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center removed the cracked cushions and the 8 yellow bucket feeding seats from the classroom.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the blue covering on 1 blue child sofa was torn and peeling on the left sofa arm and on the front of the bottom cushion in classroom Red A and accessible to the 2-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.35(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The water slide and wading pool has been removed from the playground.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The Consultant observed one hundred and seven children present during this visit.

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 observation that 1 broom, 1 swiffer sweeper was stored beside of the diaper changing table and 1 vacuum cleaner was stored beside the back door in classroom Blue A and accessible to the 1-year-old children.

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Recited on 3/3/2026

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

591-1-1-.26(3)- This citation will be deferred until the next visit. The Center is moving a large shade structure from Central YTime to the 3 and 4-year-old playground at this center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The previously cited hazardous equipment has been removed from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.15(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. All infants had a current feeding plan on file.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that in classroom Blue B 10 1-year-old children were served meat balls that were cut larger than a half inch in size. Additionally, in classroom Blue A 7 1-year-old children were served meat balls that were cut larger than a half inch size.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.15(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. Baby bottles were observed to be labeled and dated.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(5) - The provider will ensure that the Center provide all items to the children that are listed on the menu and record any substitutions.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad had a 2 inch tear on 2 of 4 corners, was exposing foam and accessible to the 1-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained regarding specifically where to change diapers and clothing in each room housing children who are wearing diapers.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 3/3/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit. The Center Director and infant staff stated that sheets are changed daily and more often as needed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 8 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.