



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/9/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-39336

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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.
06/09/2026	Monitoring Visit	Support	
01/07/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/29/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Building 2	1st L Thriving Three's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Building 2	1st R Terrific Two's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A - 1st R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B - 2nd R	Infants	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Floor Play
Main	C - 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D-1L		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

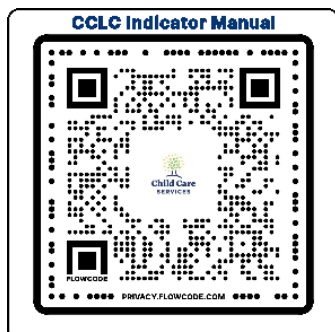
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Building 2 porch	4	C
Main	Back	18	C
Main	Building 1 Frontyard left	3	C
Main	Building 1 porch	3	C
Main	Building 1 Right front yard	4	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	11	10	17	0	0	0

Comments

The Consultants LaTanya Swift, (LS), and Jessica Johnson, (JJ), reviewed the visit report with the Director Katrina Pettway.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/24/2026



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.dec.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/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(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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2026

Corrected on 6/9/2026

.12(2) -The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed the broken equipment removed and furniture be free from hazardous conditions.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following could pose a potential tipping hazard:

-Classroom

A-1st R- There were stacked plastic drawers located in the diapering area. There were cots leaned against the wall located in the diapering area.

-Classroom

C-2L-There were stacked plastic drawers located on the left side middle area.

-Classroom

1st R Terrific Two's-There was a wobbly refrigerator located in the dramatic play area on the second right side.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the restrooms in classroom Building 2 1st L, Building 2 1st R Terrific Two's located in the back were not ventilated and the window did not have a screen and was not propped open on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Recited on 6/9/2026

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there were loose floor panels located in the diapering area in Classroom A-1st R. It was further determined that there were loose floor panels located in Classroom C-2L which could pose a potential pinching hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

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 observation that the following hazards were observed:

Main Building 1st R

- There were packs of diapers, gloves, and hand sanitizer located in the diapering area that were accessible to the children.

Main Building 2nd R:

- There were exposed cords, Aquaphor, and Calmoseptine cream that were accessible to the children located on the diapering table.

Main Building 2nd L:

- There were baby wipes on the diapering table that were accessible to the children located on the diapering table.

Building II 1st R

- There were Clorox wipes located on a low cubbie located near the diapering table accessible to the children.

Building II 1st R (Back)

- There was a broom located near the diapering table accessible to the children.
- Diaper wipes, bug spray, and sun block were observed in a cubbie located left of the entrance door accessible to children in care.

Building II 1st L

- There was a broom located near the diapering table accessible to the children.
- Diaper wipes, bug spray, and sun block were observed in a cubbie located left of the entrance door accessible to children in care.
- There was a toilet brush cleaner located in the restroom accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Recited on 6/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed tightening the handle on the toilet in the restroom in classroom 1st L Thriving Three's.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2026

Corrected on 6/9/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the fence was observed repaired and enclosed around the air conditioning unit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed replacing the loose and broken fence planks on the back fence on Playground Back.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Back playground:

- Rust was observed on five of six tricycles.
 - Protruding bolts were observed under the wooden climbing ladder accessible to children in care.
 - A protruding nail was observed under the right side of the large playground equipment accessible to children in care.
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Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Recited on 6/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on a review of records that the ASTM certification for the Large play structure on the Back playground was not on file on this date. Due to lack of documentation it was unable to determine if the poured resilient surfacing was adequate for the equipment on the Back playground.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Recited on 6/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

Corrected on 6/9/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the 6 and a half inch gap was observed filled and covered.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that the diaper changing pad is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that there were pacifiers located on the diapering table in Classroom B-2nd R.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2026

Corrected on 6/9/2026

.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The staff member was terminated. The Consultants observed a pleasant learning environment.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that six of six cribs were observed with loose fitting sheets in classroom C-2L. All six cribs were observed in use on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/02/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education 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)**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.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 1 hired on January 10, 2022, Staff # 3 hired on October 10, 2023, Staff # 6 hired on April 2, 2024, and Staff #10 hired on November 1, 2022, did not have the minimum academic requirements for the lead teacher position as of this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Recited on 6/9/2026

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)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2025

Corrected on 6/9/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed adequate supervision.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure that staff members are positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026