



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/7/2026

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:50 AM **Departure:** 10:15 AM

CCLC-22700

Childcare Network #167

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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.
05/07/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/26/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
10/28/2025	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	First Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	29	C	41	C	Circle Time
Main	First Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Second Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	21	C	30	C	Circle Time
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Third Left		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Main	Third Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 111

Total # Children this Date: 42

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	71	C
Main	Right	19	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement follow-up.

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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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

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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.12(1) - Citation corrected.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation on the Right side of the building the Second Right door leading to the playground had chipping paint on the outside. It was further determined that under the window area on the outside of the infant class was chipping wood and paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Recited on 5/7/2026

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

Not Met

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 these hazards were present:

Right playground -- concrete was broken in two areas of the sidewalk in the same area and sharp pieces were present.

Back Playground- concrete was observed to not be flush around the upper sidewalk, and around the bottom area where the basketball goal was located in two areas that posed a tripping hazard.

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: 5/14/2026

Recited on 5/7/2026

Food Service

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.15(2) - Citation observed to be corrected. All infant feeding plans were current and posted in the classes.

Defer

591-1-1-.15(2)(f)-Citation will be deferred until the next regulatory visit. Plates had just been removed from children prior to arrival.

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: 3/26/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.07(5) - Citation observed to be corrected. No pacifier clips were observed on children.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.36(4)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected. Bus seats had been repaired.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.30(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.14(1)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.14(2)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2027 as staff have until December 31, 2026 to complete annual training for the year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2027 as staff have until December 31, 2026 to complete annual training for the year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2026

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2026

Corrected on 5/7/2026

.31(2)(a) - Citation corrected. The center has staff members enrolled.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 staff members in the Front Right staff were not seated within arms length while children under the age of 36 months were drinking milk.

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: 5/7/2026

Recited on 5/7/2026