



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/11/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-66441

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
02/11/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/07/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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 2yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B 3yrs/4's	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C Infants	Infants	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D 1yr		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	D 5-12yrs-Back	48	C
Main	A Infants/Infants	11	C
Main	B 1-2yrs	18	C
Main	C 3-4yrs	43	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	8	15	15	1	0	4

Comments

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

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!



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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that chairs in classroom Main D 1yr are not stacked, but that they are placed around children's tables on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

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

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Main A 2yrs

- The blue and white cabinet located on the right side of the classroom had an open package of Huggies Natural Care baby wipes labeled "keep out of reach of children".
- The blue and white cabinet located on the right side of the classroom had an opened box of vinyl gloves labeled "keep out of reach of children".
- A toilet brush was located to the left of the toilet in the girl's bathroom.
- A broom and dustpan were located to the right of the girl's bathroom door.

Main B 3 yrs/4's

- A green book bag located in a child's cubby had a bottle of Children's Mucinex Multi-Cold medication labeled "keep out of reach of children".
- A Spiderman book bag located in a child's cubby had an open package of Huggies Natural Care baby wipes labeled "keep out of reach of 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: 2/11/2026

Recited on 2/11/2026

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

Not Met

Comment

Playground Main A Infants/Infants was not in use on this date. The Director stated that there was an underground ant issue that was currently being corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2025

Corrected on 2/11/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The fencing located on all playgrounds were secured at the bottom on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the protruding bolts which measured over two threads located on all playground gates were cut down to two threads or capped on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

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 playground equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Playground Main C 3-4yrs

- The Backyard Discovery Playhouse had three protruding screws which caused potential scratching hazards located on the back bottom left side of the structure.
- The Backyard Discovery Playhouse's roof on the left side was loose with one protruding screw which caused a potential scratching hazard.
- The Backyard Discovery Playhouse had a washer with rough edges which caused a potential scratching hazard located on the back top right of the structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed the resilient surfacing fall zone requirements for climbing equipment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2026

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad located in classroom Main C Infants was porous on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(8) - The Consultant discussed that diaper changing responsibilities not be simultaneously assigned to kitchen food preparation duties on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures for the children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that children in classroom Main D 1 yr wash their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap upon entering the classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer daily medication. The Provider dispenses/administers as needed medications based on allergies.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(3) - The Consultant discussed ensuring paperwork requirements for as needed medications on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The Consultant discussed the requirements for rented transportation on this date. The interior of a transportation vehicle should be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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)

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.