



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/4/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 5:45 PM

CCLC-889

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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.
02/04/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient	
12/11/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/20/2025	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
Main	1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Back Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Back Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Middle	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 66

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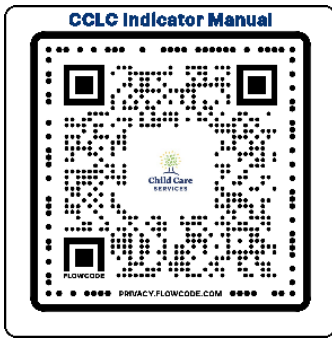
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	16	11	17	30	0	20

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. This visit was conducted by New Consultant Schay and Process and Policy Coordinator Presley.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/18/2026



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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

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 large storage cabinets in the Back Left, Back Right, and in between the 1st Left, and Middle classrooms were not secured.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

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

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 bathrooms in the 2nd Right and Middle Classrooms did not have working ventilation fans.

Met

Comment

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

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 a basket with wipes, gloves, lotions, and petroleum jelly, was on the floor accessible to children in the bathroom in the 2nd Right classroom. Additionally, many unplugged cords were accessible on a storage cart in the Back Right classroom and wipes were accessible in Middle classroom bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

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 electrical outlets in the Middle classroom and a square power strip in the Back Left classroom were not covered.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Not Met

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 platform at the top of the green slide had a large crack on the Front Right Playground. It was further determined that the rails of the metal slide had blue chipping paint on the Front Right Playground. It was also determined that the seats of three tricycles were cracked and were missing the handle bar end caps causing a potential pinching hazard on the Back Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2026

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 observation that two slides and two swings on the Back Playground had less than 1 inch of wood mulch under them where 6 inches was required.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2026

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 hazards were observed:

- Right Front Playground had protruding screws on the gate.
 - Back Playground had a wood fence that was leaning, warped in multiple locations with exposed nails, and had broken pieces along the bottom. Three bolts on the plastic barrier were sticking up, five pieces of trash were on the ground, and six black bags were scattered around the area. An exposed wire was hanging from a phone box on the brick wall.
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Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Recited on 2/4/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed children should not be permitted to wear necklaces.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

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

Not Met

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 six unused lunch bibs and toys were stored on the diapering area in the 2nd Right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

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.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure an Amendment is applied for if the front left outdoor area will be used by children.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation that the following notices were not posted: Parental Access Statement, Center Evaluation Report, Director Designees, and a Visitor Check-In Statement.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)2. requires that no vehicle shall exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity and that proof of the seating capacity is maintained on file. It was determined based on observation during PM transportation on February 4, 2026, that there were 16 children transported to the Center on a bus tag number SKJ3491 that had a seating capacity of 14.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review records that the transportation checklists were not completed for four children on February 4, 2026. Children dropped off and picked up from Hightower Elementary and Shoal Creek Elementary were not accounted for on the checklists.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Staff # 2	Not Met
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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 3	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 07/29/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 09/22/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 10	Not Met
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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 12	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 08/18/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 14

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2023

"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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #12 who was hired on August 18, 2025 did not have First Aid and CPR training within the 45 days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure first aid kits are fully stocked and items are not past the expiration date.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #3 with hire date July 9, 2025, staff #4 with hire date September 22, 2025, and staff #10 with hire date April 24, 2025 did not have the required 10 hours of Health and Safety training.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026

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 four lead teachers did not have a required lead teacher credential or education plan on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 in the 1st Left classroom that a staff member was not providing active supervision as the staff did not look up, or verbally redirect children, or circulate around the room when a child was found by the Consultant crouched next to the furthest toilet in the bathroom. The staff member was also unaware of a child in the block area pulling down their pants and unable to supervise children on the other side of the L shaped classroom while assisting children in the bathroom. Additionally, the staff member in the Back Right classroom stood between two classrooms to supervise children in both their classroom and going to a bathroom across the Middle classroom. It was also determined that staff in the 1st Right classroom were not within arm's length of two infants during meal time.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026