



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/26/2026 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 11:25 AM

**CCLC-68409**  
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**Quality Rated:** No

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                         |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/26/2026                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Building II                     | J: Gym                               |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 0          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Building II                     | K: Chapel                            |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 0          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0   |                                      |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
| Main                            | A: Little Lambs / 6 wks-12mths (L1)  |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | B: Faithful Turtles / 12-24mths (L1) |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | C: Gentle Doves / 6-18mths (L1)      |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | D: Clever Foxes / 2's (L2)           |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | E: Busy Bee's / 2's (L2)             |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | F: Wise Owls / 3-4's (L2)            |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | G: Brave Bears / 3-4's (L2)          |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | H: Sparring Eagles / 4-5's (L3)      |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                            | I: Indoor Play Space (L3)            |           | 0                             | 0        | C    | 0          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132 |                                      |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0   |                                      |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |

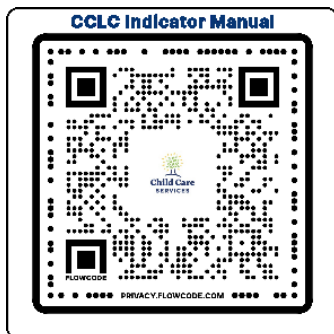
| Building | Playground | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 85                      | C                        |

#### Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date.

- Initial License Study visit was conducted on Thursday, May 21, 2026, however due to system issues the report was completed on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
- The facility has liability insurance.
- Areas approved for special use: Classroom I: Indoor Play Area in the main building; and Classroom J: Gym and Classroom K: Chapel in building II.

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.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

#### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed during visit.

#### Facility

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

Met

**Comment**

The overall licensed capacity is 132 children.

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

Met

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

#### Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Classroom A:**

Consultant observed five of five cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2021; and two of two crib meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2025.

**Classroom C:**

Consultant observed seven of seven cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2021; and two of two crib meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2025.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Three of three staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 6/25/2026**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.