



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/13/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-33868

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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.
03/13/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2024	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
One bldg.	EHS 1	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
One bldg.	EHS 2		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 3		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 4		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 5	One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music
One bldg.	EHS 6		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 7		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 8		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	EHS 9		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	HS 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
One bldg.	HS 2	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 29					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One bldg.	EHS - 2 Playground	27	C
One bldg.	EHS - 3 Playground	30	C
One bldg.	EHS 1 Playground	26	C
One bldg.	HS Playground	24	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	7	3	12	8	0	0

Comments

Reviewed weather chart and updated policies and procedures.

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

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)

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 the following hazards were found on the outdoor play areas:

1. On the rear play area designated for infants and toddlers, the protective covering at the bottom of the door to the storage building was not completely attached, and the sharp edge of the metal door was exposed. There was also a section of lattice beneath the door area that was broken off from the fasteners and not secured to the building.

2. On the front playground for older children, exposed roots between the picnic table and the composite material surrounding the metal climber posed a tripping hazard for the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The custodian repaired the door to the storage building while consultant was on site. Director has submitted an order to address the roots on the playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center 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

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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.

Comment

Director provided one file for an employee hired since last visit. Background check requirements were observed to be met.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

Corrected on 3/13/2026

.14(1) - All staff, except for the custodian, who does not provide direct care for the children, had current evidence of CPR and First Aid.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

Corrected on 3/13/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Employees referenced in last visit as not completing training requirements are no longer employed. New staff whose records were reviewed were observed to have received the required training.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

Corrected on 3/13/2026

.33(5)(a) - Georgia PDS logs of current staff were reviewed and observed to show that current staff receive ten hours on ongoing training as required.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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