



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/15/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-47665

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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.
12/15/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/19/2024	Complaint Closure	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
Building 1	Front - Room A - Toddler 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Rear - Room B - Infant - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 2	Room C - Preschool 3 - 4	GA PreK	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 3	Room D - School Age	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

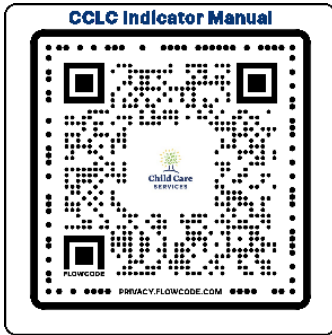
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Infant - Toddler	52	C
Building 2	Preschool - School-Age	34	C
Building 3	Playground 3 - SA	20	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	5	8	16	8	0	29

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Director on this date

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@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 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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.19(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The correct license capacity was maintained in the Building 1 Front-Room A-Toddler 2 classroom, as there were eight children present and the license capacity was 14.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The staff purse in Building 1 Front-Room A-Toddler 2 had been removed and the O' Cedar mop bucket with a spin area in Room D School - Age classroom had been removed and inaccessible to children.

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 that the paint was peeling on the left wall in Building 1 Front - Room A - Toddler 2 near the home living area on this date.

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: 1/15/2026

Recited on 12/15/2025

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-.07 Children's Health**

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no children with pacifiers attached to their clothing. Additionally, no children had necklaces around their necks.

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

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.21(1)(p) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The emergency preparedness plan for flooding had been put in place as required.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2026

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The crib sheets in Building 1 Rear-Room B-Infant-Toddler 1 were all tight-fitted as required.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff had current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All Staff had current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.14(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The expired antibacterial ointment was removed and replaced with antibacterial ointment that was in date or unexpired.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.- The previous citation for CDA credential was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The lead teachers will complete and obtain the CDA Credential before January 18, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2026

Corrected on 12/15/2025

.32(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Staff:Child ratio that was observed upon arrival in Building 1 Front-Room A - Toddler 2 classroom was 1 Staff member with eight children, which was the correct ratio for the number of children present.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.