



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 9/16/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:20 PM Departure: 4:25 PM

CCLC-13730

Northwest Youth Power Early Learning Center Site #3  
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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. |
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| 09/16/2026                  | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 05/27/2026                  | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 08/15/2024                  | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                 |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                 |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                 |               | <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              |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Main     | 1st left           | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1     | 13       | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Transitioning |
| Main     | 1st right          | Infants                           | 1     | 4        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play         |
| Main     | 2nd right          |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 31         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use         |
| Main     | 3rd-right          |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use         |
| Main     | 4 right room-1 y/o |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use         |
| Main     | Back Middle        |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | 22         | C            | Not In Use         |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

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Total # Children this Date: 17

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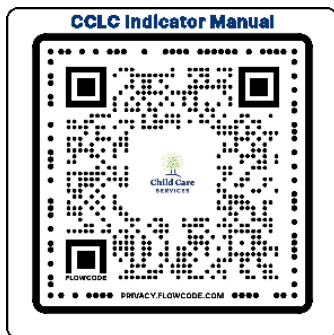
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| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 54                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children    |                   |                                   |                                     |              |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Infant (0-12 months) | Toddler (1-2 yrs) | Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care) | School Age (before/after care only) | GA PreK only | Summer Only |
| 1                    | 120               | 6                                 | 0                                   | 0            | 0           |

Comments

9-16-2026- The findings of this report were reviewed with the Director on this date. The Center did not receive e-mail report.



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>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.dec.state.ga.us>.

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.

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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!**



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The following information is associated with a 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.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Corrected on 9/16/2026

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the addresses of the release to person for all children on this date.

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.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based upon observation that the following fencing hazard was observed:

-There was a six inch gap underneath the left gate on the upper right side of the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2026**

**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 hazard was observed:

-There were active ant beds at the bottom of the fence on the right front side and at the back right side of the border of the large climbing equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2026**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Met

**Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

**Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to include in the Center policies and procedures the behavior management and discipline actions used to include expulsion and suspension of enrolled children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center policies and procedures requires that a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2026**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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

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

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Comment**

The vehicle had a first aid kit on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle was not equipped with a fire extinguisher

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2026**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on review and observation children transported from school were not secured in child passenger restraining systems in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2026**

**Recited on 9/16/2026**

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**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**

Director provided [6 ] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 95% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

**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**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.