



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/26/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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

CCLC-22700

Childcare Network #167

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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.
03/26/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
10/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/11/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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.

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	First Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	29	C	41	C	Lunch
Main	First Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Second Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Third Left		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Main	Third Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 141

Total # Children this Date: 52

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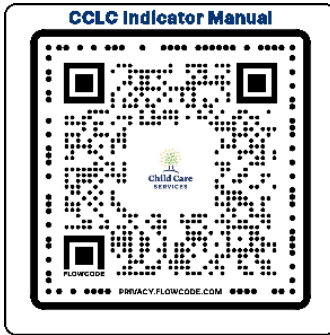
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	71	C
Main	Right	19	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	8	7	18	20	2	21

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.



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

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that in the Third Right Classroom an enrolled child was placed in a high chair without the safety straps being used.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the blue couch in the Front Left class has exposed foam and was in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

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****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard 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 on the Right side of the building the Second Right door leading to the playground had chipping paint on the outside. It was further determined that under the window area on the outside of the infant class wood was chipping with exposed nails.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

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 these hazards were present:

Right playground -- concrete was broken in two areas of the sidewalk in the same area and sharp pieces were present.

Back Playground- concrete was observed to not be flush around the upper sidewalk, and around the bottom area where the basketball goal was located in two areas that posed a tripping hazard. Sweetgum Tree seedpods, limbs and exposed tree roots (not sprayed) were present that posed hazards.

Walking to the playground, outside the Front Left Class, there was a water hose was present.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Recited on 3/26/2026

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation that three of five infants did not have an infant feeding plan.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Recited on 3/26/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that throughout the center pizza was cut in triangles and not cut down to the appropriate sizes for the children.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.18(7) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.18(9) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that a child in the Third Right Classroom had on a pacifier clip.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026
.10(5) - Citation corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026
.36(3)(a-b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026
.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed the check needs to have the owner and address listed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the 2nd, 3rd and last seat on the passenger side and the back seat on the driver side all had holes and exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a child in the Third Right Classroom was observed to be sleeping in a crib with a bib attached to their neck. It was further determined when the staff was asked how children are placed down to sleep it was stated "on their stomach".

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/23/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/09/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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**

Previously Cited: 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's #1 and #13 did not have first aid for pediatric or children related.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026**Recited on 3/26/2026****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #5 was alone with children in the 2nd Right Classroom and did not have first aid and CPR training.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Recited on 3/26/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/27/2025

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #6 and # 8 did not have 10 hours of annual training for the 2025 year.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Recited on 3/26/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on a review of records that staff members #6 and #12 did not have a language and literacy class for the 2025 year for viewing.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a lead teacher for four of six classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a lead teacher for four of six classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2026

Recited on 3/26/2026

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.31(2)(c) - Citation corrected and cited under correct rule.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Not Met

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 that staff members in the Front Right, Second Right and Third Right were not seated within arms length while children under the age of 36 months were eating.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026