



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/9/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-65939

Tomorrow's Child of Adairsville

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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.
04/09/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
02/24/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/11/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A1-Right Hallway-1R (Front) Younger 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	A2- Right Hallway-1R (Back) Older 3's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Nap
Main	B1-Right Hallway-2R (Front) - ASP	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B2-Right Hallway-2R (Back)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- Mid-Center Room - GaPreK/ASP		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D1 Left Hallway-1R-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	D2- Left Hallway-2R-1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch
Main	E- Left Hallway-1L Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 62

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

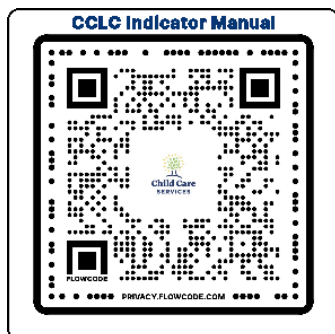
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A/S	78	C

Main	Infants-Two's Playground	20	C
Main	Middle (3-4's)	50	C

Comments

The consultant reviewed the report with the provider and provided Chop, Look, Listen flyers.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/23/2026



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>.

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

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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.03(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant also observed staff members being attentive to the children during this time.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant also observed staff members having appropriate activities for the children during this time.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe a wooden bookcase in Classroom D1 on this date. The consultant did not observe a pink horse, a white hippo, a yellow bumblebee, green dinosaurs, or a black hippo in Classroom D2 on this date.

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the unload was not checked off on April 3, 2026, for the Clear Creek route to the Tomorrow's Child of Adairsville location.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that a second check was not documented from March 30, 2026, through April 3, 2026, for the Clear Creek route to the Tomorrow's Child of Adairsville location

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed the doctor's note, which explained how long the child should remain in the sleep sack and provided instructions, on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics:

a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on review of staff files that staff members #6, #7, and #11 did not have evidence of their health and safety orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- The consultant will review the annual staff training at the next licensing study visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that staff members provided adequate supervision on this date.