



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/28/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-178

Today's Kids of Suwanee

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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.
10/28/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/08/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/02/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	1L	Infants	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1R		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3L	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4L	GA PreK	1	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	5L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	5R	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	6L		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	Back		0	0	C	27	C	37	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 256

Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request

Total # Children this Date: 22

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 256

Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	8	C
Main	Playground B	10	C
Main	Playground C	39	C
Main	Playground D	16	C

Main	Playground E	79	C
Main	Playground F	62	C

Comments

A copy of this report was provided on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 10/28/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation has been corrected. The Consultant observed no potential hazards accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

- Main Playground A - the second bucket seat has a 3 inch crack on the seat.
- Main Playground C- the wood on the planter box was observed to be splintered, cracked and weathered creating a hazard for children.
- Main Playground E- the fence separating Playground E and F have vines growing on the fence. Additionally, the gutter downspout has sharp metal edges on the bottom that are not covered.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Recited on 10/28/2025