



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/27/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 3:05 PM

**CCLC-1606**

**Jiminy Cricket Playland**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/27/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/18/2024                  | POI Follow Up    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/04/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**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                           | 1 right    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds   | 1     | 11       | NC                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | downstairs | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1     | 11       | C                              | 22         | C            | 31         | C            | Nap        |
| Main                           | front back |                                   | 0     | 0        | C                              | 6          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | front left | Infants                           | 1     | 3        | C                              | 4          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | rear room  | Four Year Olds                    | 2     | 12       | C                              | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69 |            |                                   |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78 |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 37 |            |                                   |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78 |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 41                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 4                 | 5       | 10      | 0       | 16      | 0                  | 35                |

**Comments**

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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](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.

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 Monitoring Visit:**

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following tipping hazards were accessible to children:

Main Rear Room classroom

-There were stacked chairs at the front right, front back, and back left of the classroom.

Main Downstairs Classroom

-There were stacked chairs at the middle right of the classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(7)

- requires that toys that launch projectiles, such as dart guns, pop guns, slingshots, etc., not be allowed in the Center and balloons not be accessible to preschool children. The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that balloons are not accessible to children in the Center.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2025**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records, that the file for child # 3, lacked the mother's work phone number, place of employment and address, who the child may be released to, and the physician name and number.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025****Recited on 5/27/2025****Facility****591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that grocery bags with clothes are not stored in children's cubbies.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was a staff purse accessible to children at the back right of the Main Rear Room classroom on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025****Technical Assistance**

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. The Consultant and the Director discussed using duct tape to cover the single tear on the black vinyl furniture at the back middle of classroom 1 Right.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

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. The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that the fence gate is closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

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. The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that the rake and mop by the playground exit door are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. The Consultant and the Director discussed ensuring that the window in the Main Front Back classroom is operable to provide ventilation in the diapering areas.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025**

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedure.

**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**

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**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 fire extinguisher on the vehicle used for transportation ,Tag# YDC905, was not in working order as required on this date. It was further determined that the second vehicle used for transportation, Tag # EVZ633, did not have 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: 5/30/2025**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that two of five crib sheets in the Main Front Back classroom were in use and not tight-fitting as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 6/3/2025**

**Staff Records****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the Main1 Right classroom had a Staff:child ratio of 1:11 when a Staff:child ratio of 2:11 was required. The Main 1 Right classroom had one 1-year-old and ten 2-year-old children present during the visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.