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Date: 3/11/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:10 AM Departure: 2:20 PM

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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.
03/11/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/07/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
03/13/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 Building	Room A Left Hall 2nd left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room B Left Hall 1st left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room C Left Hall 2nd right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room D Left Hall 1st right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room E Right Hall 1st right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use
Main Building	Room F Right Hall 2nd right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use
Main Building	Room G Right Hall 1st left		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
Main Building	Room H Right Hall 2nd left		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 301

Total # Children this Date: 0

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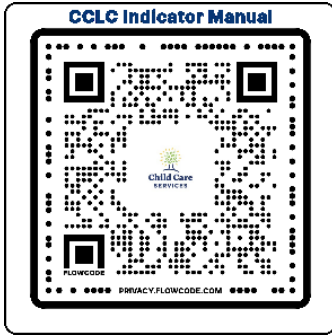
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Grass Area	71	C
Main Building	Main Playground	53	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Comments

The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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

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.decal.ga.gov/> 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure 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 as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25(11) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the fence gaps does not exceed 3 1/2 inches on Main Building Grass Area and Main Building Main Playgrounds. Additionally, to ensure that the fence on Main Building Grass Area and Main Building Main Playground fence were attached at the top and the bottom as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that on Main Building Grass Area and Main Building Main Playground that the tree roots were sprayed to prevent any tripping hazards as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

.20(1) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Director stated that the program does not dispensed medication.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

.20(3) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Director stated that the program does not dispensed medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider on updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New -The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure 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. Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at: <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Rules And Regulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. Additionally, the fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

.29(1) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Director understood that the program was required to report within twenty-four (24) hours or next work day of any injuries that required medical or neglect or deprivation of children as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

.11(2) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Director stated that the program was implementing redirection as required.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records**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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain First Aid and CPR training, with a hands-on component, within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current First Aid and CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Consultant discussed with the Provider that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New -The Consultant discussed with the Provider that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

.31(13) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Staff comply with all applicable laws and regulations as required.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that 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 as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure 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 as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026