



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/2/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-31851

Urban Explorers Preschool

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
06/02/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/15/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
04/14/2026	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	A-3 months- 18 mo	Infants	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	8	C	40	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C 3-4 years	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	35	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D 1L front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E 2L front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F 3L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 57

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR- Infant/Toddler	8	C
Main	PGR- Preschool	52	C

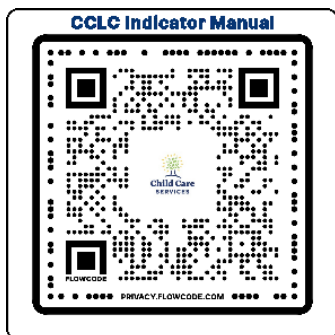
Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	13	15	25	10	0	8

Comments

The consultant met with the Director to discuss updates to the Policy and Procedures Handbook. A Criminal Background Check one day letter was issued.

The required affidavit was emailed to the director with a due date of June 16, 2026.

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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

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 classroom D 1L front Three Year Olds had the following hazards accessible to children.

- A purse was on the right side of the white cabinets.
- Adult scissors were stored in an unlocked drawer on the right side.
- A vacuum was in the left corner on the right side of the classroom.
- Twelve blue chairs were stacked on the left side of the cabinet.
- The dramatic play kitchen sink was missing.

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: 6/2/2026

Finding

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. It was determined through observation that the Main PGR Preschool Playground had a 7-inch gap on the front right side of the gate facing the building and a 5.5-inch gap on the right side near the black exit door which posed an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the holes on the hill of the Main PGR Infant/Toddler playground were filled to eliminate potential tripping hazards and improve playground safety.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

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 the Main PGR-Infant/Toddler playground had exposed concrete around the first and second fence posts on the left side at the top of the hill. It was further determined that exposed concrete was present around the fence near the middle gate on the right side which posed a hazard accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all children wear appropriate foot coverings, such as socks or indoor shoes, and appropriate bottoms, such as pull-ups, underwear, or pants. Children should not have be exposed while walking throughout the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) requires Center policies and procedures include 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. It was determined based on review of documents that the policies and procedures did not 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. It was further determined that the policies and procedures did not include the 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.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will write or revise policies and procedures to include the required description of the Center's practices used to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2026

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Please denote the full address of field trip destination.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-No Record,.09-Criminal Records Check Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.24(1)-10 Yr. Work History Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(g) requires the Center to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination at the Child Care Learning Center for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence must be made immediately available to the Department upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #5 Date of hire May 26,2026 did not have evidence of a comprehensive criminal record check on file. The criminal record check application was submitted on December 9, 2025, the application was closed on March 10, 2026, after no further action was completed regarding the application process.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION -The Center will create an staff list and check for expiration dates monthly to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence will be made immediately available to the Department upon request. The Center will check the monthly staff list for upcoming expiring criminal records to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #5 Date of hire May 26,2026 did not have evidence of any records on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

The previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

The previous citation was corrected on this date.