



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/11/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-51114

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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. 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.
03/11/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/27/2025	Licensing Study	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
Building I	A 1 yrs-2 yrs		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building I	B Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Building I	C Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building II	D 1 yrs- 2 yrs		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building II	E 1 yrs-2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building II	F 1 yrs-2 yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building II	G 3 yrs-6 yrs		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building III	H 3 yrs-6 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

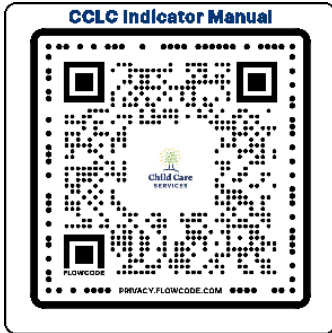
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building I	A	82	C
Building II	A	90	C
Building III	A	161	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	12	18	17	13	0	13

Comments

The Director received a copy of the visit report.

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!



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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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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) - Discussed to cover the gaps larger than 3.5 inches at the bottom of the fencing on all Playgrounds to prevent entrapment.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed that the see-saw on Playground III Building needed to be repaired and the missing wing attached.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed that the regular swings on Playground for Building II needed at least 6 inches of depth and the fall zones needed to be the length of the swing chain plus 7 feet going to the front and back, The program will either remove the regular swings and replace them with bucket seats, or enlarge the fall zones and add extra mulch.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed that the tree roots on Playground Building II needed to be covered or painted so they don't present a tripping hazard. Remove acorns on the same playground. Ensure that the water hoses are coiled.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(11) - Discussed that Food Score sheet was needed for the catering company used. Food Service Permit was observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Discussed that the Diapering rooms in Building I and II need functioning exhausts or verification of ventilation to the outside of the buildings.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed that diapering in the classrooms for 1 and 2-year-old children needed to be in the classrooms and not in the bathrooms. The Diapering tables need to be within an arm's reach from a sink.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Organization

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed that an Amendment to measure the room on the right in Building III and remove the rooms used by the Exempt program in all buildings was needed. The room types will be assessed at the time of the Amendment.

The room was currently in use by children ages 3 to 5 years. There were 18 children and two Staff needed.

Additionally, the Playgrounds would need to be re-measured because fences were added since the Initial Licensing.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed that the new updated Initial Staff Orientation form needed to be used.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2026

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.