



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/16/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-23917

North Thompson Christian Learning Center

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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. 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.
04/16/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/10/2025	Complaint Closure	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	A - 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,TV,Feeding ,Free Play
Main	B - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Story
Main	C - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Art,Clean Up,Centers,Lunch
Main	D - 4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch,TV,Free Play
Main	E - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
Main	F - 2nd Right	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
Main	H- 1st Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Main Room-G		0	0	NC	0	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 39

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - A	48	C
Main	Playground - B	40	C

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

Comments

The Consultant discussed the Monitoring Visit with the provider and emailed a copy via DocuSign. The Consultant discussed and provided flyers for Chop, Look, and Listen.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant reviewed 3 previously cited child records and all have the required information documented in the file.

Comment

591-1-1-.08(6) - The Consultant observed 39 children present and 39 children signed in.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2026

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The Consultant observed 39 children present.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the top electrical plug located on the right and left side of the TV on the back wall of classroom A did not have a protective safety cover as required. Additionally, the top electrical plug located on the left side of the cubby in classroom B did not have a protective safety cover as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Two bolts were cut to no longer than 2 threads in length.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Three red and blue Little Tikes infant swings were removed from the playground. Additionally 3 of 4 protective caps from the end of 2 see saws were repaired.

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)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Fire and tornado drills have been completed as required since the last visit.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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.

Comment

Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.