



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/3/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:00 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

CCLC-949
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Same

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. 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.
02/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/16/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	
09/30/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	

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 II	C1-A		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Building II	C1-B	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Main	B2-1st L	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Nap
Main	Bck end 3L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	23	C	Nap
Main	Front entry 1r	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	Middle back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rear entry 2L	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	50	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	7	10	17	18	0	27

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Shirley Jackson.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 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!



Summary Report

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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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure to prop windows open in classrooms that do not have exhaust fans.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Discussed cleaning the water on the floor in the restroom in classroom Back end 3L.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

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

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no hazards were observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed covering the chipped paint on the wall near the dramatic stove ion classroom front entry 1r.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected as the ASTM certification was observed on file on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Per the Director, the playground is currently not in use as a tree fell through the fence over the previous weekend. Per the Owner, the removal of the tree has been scheduled.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands 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: 8/24/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.21(1)(p) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the emergency preparedness plan was observed completed.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the emergency drills were observed completed.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.27 - The citation was observed corrected on this date as the posted items were posted.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.36(10) - Discussed with the Center that children should never be left unattended in a vehicle. Discussed options for the first checks.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

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-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records 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

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

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.14(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 12 first aid and CPR was observed completed.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected as documentation was observed completed.

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.31(2)(c)-Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. Discussed with the Director, attaching the registration form for the credential to the professional learning plan.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

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.