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Date: 4/9/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-37337

Childcare Network #241

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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. 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.
04/09/2025	Licensing Study	Support	
07/09/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/03/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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/1R	Infants	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B/2R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C/3R	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D/4R	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Lunch
Main	E/Mid/1R	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Outside
Main	F/Mid/2R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G/Mid/3R	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	H/1L	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	I/2L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J/3L	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 64		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	11	C
Main	PG B	22	C
Main	PG C	83	C
Main	PG D	176	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	16	21	21	16	20	21

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on April 9, 2025. Backgrounds checks and children records were reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the visit report was emailed to the Director.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/24/2025

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(Findings 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
A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

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

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2024

Corrected on 4/9/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that based on observation no hazards were observed in the classrooms.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - The Consultant discussed with the director that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous.

The Consultant provided a list of poisonous plants.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

C/3R

- The sink in the classroom was not operable.

H/1L

- Flooring material was missing underneath the sink.

G/Mid 3R

- There was a large water stain on the ceiling in the boy's restroom.

J/3L

- The plastic strip was broken on the top corner of the wooden shelf in front of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2025

Recited on 4/9/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency.

In addition, please ensure that all exit doors to the playground in classroom A /1R and B/2R are made easy to unlock.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

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

Not Met

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 based on observation that there was approximately a six inch gap between the double gates on the back left side of the school-age playground and the fence gate was not securely latched. Children were observed playing on this playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Recited on 4/9/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurement there was one to three inches of measurable wood chips beneath and in the fall zone of the blue metal climbing structure, the monkey bars and the fall zone of the blue and yellow climbing structure on Playground C, six inches were required.

- There was one to three inches of measurable wood chips in the fall zone of the climbing equipment on playground B, six inches were required.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2025

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 following potential hazards were present:

Playground B:

- There were two active ant beds on the playground. One located at the bottom of the fence on the front left side and one near the upper bike trail.

Playground C:

- There was an active ant bed on the left corner of the border surrounding the climbing equipment and one in the grassy area in front of the paved basket ball court.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Recited on 4/9/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****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)**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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Director provided [4] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.