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Date: 9/10/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-65940
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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/10/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/02/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

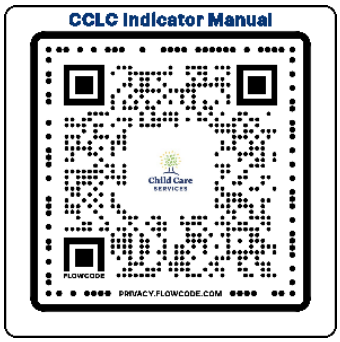
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A1 - Right Hallway - 1R - Front-Young 2s	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	A2-Right Hallway - 1R - Back-Older 2s	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B1- Right Hallway-2R-Front-3s	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	26	C	Free Play
Main	B2-Right Hallway-2R-Back-4s	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-Mid-Center A/S		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Main	D1-Left Hallway-1R-1s&2s	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D2-Left Hallway-2R-1's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E -1st Left Hallway-1L Classroom (Infants)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161				
Total # Children this Date: 62		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2's	26	C
Main	3's-School Age	78	C
Main	Infants	29	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	**Toddler (1-2 yrs)**	**Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)**	**School Age (before/after care only)**	**GA PreK only**	**Summer Only**
4	36	30	9	0	0

Comments
Consultant followed up on past citations. A copy of the report was emailed to the Provider.

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.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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@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-.03 Activities **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed lesson plans with the Provider.
Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026

Comment
Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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.

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-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 in Classroom B2 a staff"s brown and white purse was on the lower shelf accessible to children.

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: 9/10/2026

Recited on 9/10/2026

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Corrected on 9/10/2026
.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed a pest free center and playground on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed repainting the playground structures with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed spraying the tree roots with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment
Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.07(5) - Consultant discussed jewelry(necklace) with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026

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

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

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) **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

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
Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Corrected on 9/10/2026
.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed infants sleeping in cribs on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/18/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 7 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Corrected on 9/10/2026
.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed CPR/First Aid for Staff #10 and #15 on this date. Staff #2 is no longer employed with the Provider on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a)prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains:cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of Staff records that Staff #5 with a hire date of March 18, 2026, and Staff # 7 with a hire date of April 8, 2026, did not complete the health and safety orientation training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Corrected on 9/10/2026
.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed 10 clock hours of diverse training for 2025 year for Staff #1 on this date.

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

Comment
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Corrected on 9/10/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.