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Date: 12/16/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:25 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-58310

Childcare Network #345

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/16/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/20/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/19/2025	POI Follow Up	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: 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	B: 2L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/D: 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	32	C	45	C	Nap
Main	E: 3L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F: 1R	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G: 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 104		Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning			
Total # Children this Date: 42					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 104			
							Building @25 capacity limited by Zoning			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	254	C
Main	PG - Toddler	22	C

Comments

Discussed allegations with the director.

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 user id 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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.03(2) - Citation observed corrected.

Facility

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 the bathroom located between rooms 1R and 2R contained a vacuum, brooms, dust pan, toys, chairs etc. Per staff the bathroom is used by one two-year-old child currently being potty trained.

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: 12/19/2025

Recited on 12/16/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.26(9) - Citation observed corrected.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.15(1) - Citation observed corrected.

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.21(3) - Citation observed corrected on this date.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.09(1)(a) - Staff has not returned to the center and center will ensure that a satisfactory fingerprint is obtained before returning.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.09(1)(c) - Staff has not returned to the center and center will ensure that a satisfactory fingerprint is obtained before returning.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.14(2)(b) - Citation observed corrected on this.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2025

Corrected on 12/16/2025

.24(1) - Citation observed corrected on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k)-Training will be checked next visit.

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: 12/31/2025

Recited on 1/1/0001