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Date: 8/12/2026 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:30 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-62519

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Quality Rated: ★

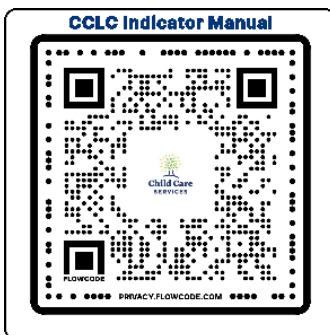
<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
08/12/2026	MV POI Follow Up	Support	
07/22/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	
06/17/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	

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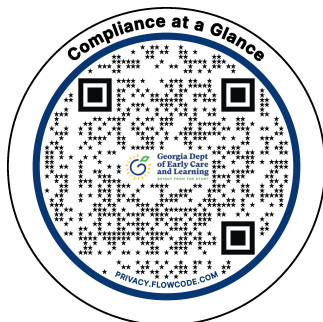
On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Tabitha Staten.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/26/2026



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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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.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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the red sofa in classroom H was observed to be peeling. It was further determined that the red chair had small tears in the seat with exposed foam on the arms. It was also determined that the green seat in classroom F was observed with a hole on top. It was also determined that the container inside the sink in dramatic was broken.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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: 5/5/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as classroom E was observed not in use.

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:

Restroom between classroom E and F

- Rust was observed on three of four of the panels inside restroom stalls.

Classroom H

- Rust was observed on the vent near the entrance door on the left side.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that protective caps are on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

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 the following hazards were observed:

Toddler Playground

- The fence on the right side was observed rusted and had gaps that measured 4 inches.
- The fence on the right side was observed to be unstable and loose as it was not connected by any bolts.

School Age Playground

- The wooden fencing on the left side of the blue climbing dome had gaps that measured at approximately 5 and a half inches.
 - Rust was observed on the black exit gate on the Toddler Playground.
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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Toddler Playground

- Chipping paint was observed on the red merry go round.

School age Playground

- Rust was observed on one of four s hooks and swing seats on this date.
 - Rust was observed on the Climbing dome.
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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2026

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 hazards were observed:

School age Playground

- Weeds were observed on the right side fence.
- High grass was observed on the right side of blue dome.
- Discarded PVC piping were observed behind the swing set posing a possible tripping hazard.
- A black trash bag was observed on the left side of the playground.
- A rake was observed on the left side near the blue climbing dome.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - Discussed adding a thermometer to the refrigerator in classroom A to monitor the milk. Milk must be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(9) - Please ensure that items are not stored on the diapering surface.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.17(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed proper handwashing throughout the program.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Comment

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director 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)

Not Met

Comment

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

Comment

Both vehicles were observed to have the first aid kits on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

Three vehicles were observed on site on this date. Per the Assistant Principle, only two vehicles were in use.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguishers were not observed to be present on vehicle tag # DFK8875 and vehicle tag # CHE2801 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on a review of records that car seats were not observed in vehicle tag # DFK8875 and vehicle tag # CHE2801 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(h) - Please ensure to refingerprint Staff # 11 to count for out-of-state results . Please ensure that every Provisional Employee requests child abuse and neglect registry information and criminal history documents from any U.S. state, territory or tribal land other than Georgia in which they have resided in the preceding five years and submit such documents to the Department in a timely manner. Failure to request out-of-state information will result in the issuance of an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # did not requests child abuse and neglect registry information and criminal history documents from any U.S. state, territory or tribal land other than Georgia

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

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.

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 8 and Staff # 9 were no longer employed at the program.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as adequate supervision was observed during lunch time.