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Date: 5/20/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-51763

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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.
05/20/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/12/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/08/2025	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	1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Right	Infants	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	3	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3rd Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5th Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Far back right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

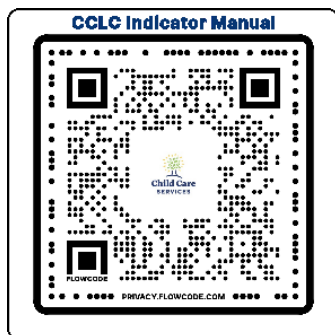
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	18	C
Main	Preschool	265	C
Main	Toddler/Preschool	149	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	14	20	29	11	0	41

Comments

Discussed compliance with State rules and regulations to support ongoing health and safety of children in care.
Joint visit w/ Patrice Turner

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.state.ga.us/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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed with Director that all classes needed up to date Lesson plans in the classroom for use each day.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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 following equipment was not in good repair:

- 2nd right- small wooden shelf had peeling, chipping wood
- 3rd left- the soft chairs and circular piece had areas where the vinyl with chipped areas
- 1st left - wooden kitchen was missing a handle and the sink spout and had sharp edges and an exposed screw
- 2nd left- wooden kitchen had an exposed screw on the side of the cabinet, the small blue table and chair set had a dirt-like residue and was not clean
- Far back right- the wooden kitchen was missing handles
- right hall - water fountains were observed to have a dirt-like residue and were not clean

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment was not secured and posed a tipping hazard:

Far Back Right - a large TV was on a shelf and was secured with duct tape; 11 red children's chairs were stacked

2nd left - a box fan was on top of the children's cubbies and was not secured

3rd left - a box fan was on top of the children's cubbies and was not secured

5th right - a large TV was on a shelf and was secured with duct tape

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant discussed with Director that the vent in the bathroom in the 5th right classroom needed to be repaired or replaced to ensure it was in good working order.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the following areas of flooring were in need of repair or cleaning:

-2nd right- the rubber trim was missing from the flooring between the carpet and tiled areas and the glue residue was peeling

-3rd right - the rubber trim was loose in between the carpet and tiled flooring and was not attached and created a tripping hazard

-Far back right- two large rugs were observed to be stained

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Sinks, toilets, walls, baseboards, windows and doors, soap dispensers and trash cans were observed to be clean and in good repair. Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all these areas are cleaned throughout the day to ensure debris and residue did not build up.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the Director the following needed to be monitored and repaired or replaced:

- Far Right- paint had chipping on the walls, the bathroom light was missing the light cover and two bulbs
- 5th right- a hole was in the wall behind the door
- 1st left- the toilet would not flush and the railing was chipped
- 2nd left- the closet door handle was loose and not secured, paint was chipped on the walls, the light cover above the diaper changing area was loose and detached and on a hole was observed by the ventilation cover
- 3rd left- paint was chipped on the walls

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor the fencing in the following areas and ensure it was free of gaps, rough edges or holes:

- Infant / Toddler Playground- the gate was beginning to develop chipping paint
- Toddler/Preschool Playground- gap was developing at the bottom of the fencing in the far right corner, ensure all areas of fencing were secured at the bottom, by the gates and poles without gaps measuring more than 3 and a half inches and exposed screws were cut or capped
- Preschool Playground- a hole developed in the back fencing area, by the left gate, ensure all areas of fencing were secured at the bottom, by the gates and poles without gaps measuring more than 3 and a half inches

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair, wash or replace the following playground equipment:

- Infant/Toddler playground - small playset (cracked by the bottom); playhouse (residue build- up)
- Toddler/Preschool playground - toy drum set (rust, chipped at the bottom)
- Preschool playground- plastic swing chain covers were chipped

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. No pecans were observed present on the playgrounds and the roots were observed to be painted.

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 ground was not flat and holes had developed in the following areas:

- Toddler/Preschool Playground - the ground was not level and a hole was observed by the brick wall, it had been partially covered with rubber mats and the mats were not flat and posed a tripping hazard
- Preschool Playground - the ground was not level and a hole was observed by the brick wall near the A/C units, the gutter by the brick wall was bent and had an exposed sharp edge and exposed cement was by the fencing pole

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor the refrigerator and freezer and ensure the temperatures maintain within the required temperatures. (Freezer - under zero; Refrigerator - under 40 degrees). Also discussed that opened food items needed to be labeled with the date opened.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.17(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Trash cans that contained organic waste were observed to be covered.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure children's hands are washed with soap and water immediately upon returning from the playground to the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(5) - Consultant discussed with Director and Staff that medication cannot be stored in the classroom refrigerator by parents without Director/Staff knowledge and documentation that it was not being dispensed.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that fire drills were not documented completed for the months of November and December 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2026

Safety**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**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the seat arm is repaired or replaced, where it had come off in Van tag # PSP2616

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.36(7)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Transportation records were observed to be completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Transportation documentation was observed to be complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that 12 crib mattresses were quilted and porous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to be mindful of how cots, sheets and blankets were stored to ensure they were not touching other children's bedding and that individual use was maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff that weighted sleep sacks cannot be used without a physician's note.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that staff number 14, with a hire date of April 30, 2016, was observed to be alone and caring for children in the 2nd left classroom and did not have evidence of CPR / First Aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Adequate supervision was maintained in all classrooms.