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Date: 6/2/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 4:10 PM

CCLC-2288

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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.
06/02/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/28/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/02/2025	Complaint Closure	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-Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Right -1-2 y/o		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Infant room	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	Middle PreK B	GA PreK	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle-Pre-K A	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle-School Aged		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Toddler Room	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

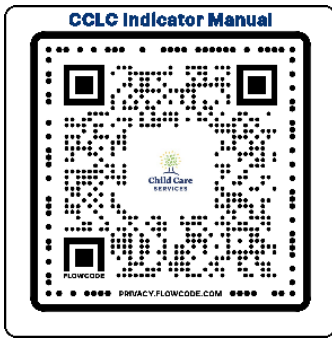
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	42	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	0	9	13	0	0	24

Comments

Affidavit verifying completion of criminal background check units should be returned completed within five business days and a one-day criminal background check letter was left with the Director/Provider on this date.

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>.

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@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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed the equipment and furniture to be free from hazardous conditions.

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 potential tipping hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom 1st Left- Preschool

-There was an air purifier located on the back shelf that was not secured.

Classroom Middle- PreK B

-There was an air purifier located on the back shelf that was not secured.

Classroom Toddler

-There was an air purifier located on the back shelf that was not secured.

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: 6/2/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

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****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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there was loose flooring located in Classroom 1st left-Preschool at the back. It was further determined that there was wet flooring around the toilet in the boy's bathroom in Classroom Middle PreK B which could pose a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed hazardous items inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.25(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed the outlets covered.

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 a five inch gap at the front left gate on the Main Playground which posed an entrapment hazard on this date. It was further determined that there was a four inch gap at the bottom right gate on the Main Playground which posed an entrapment hazard on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

submit

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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) **Met**

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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) **N/A**

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of staff files that the Director did not have the two (2) hours of state approved or state-accepted transportation training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 10

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/1998

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 9	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 10	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/28/2016	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 11	Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2023	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 12	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2016	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 13	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/09/2026	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 14	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 15	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 16	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2024	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff #5, hired on June 10, 2025, did not submit a Records Check Application prior to being present at the Center while children were present, the staff was observed in the Middle-Pre-K A classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will complete application to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will complete application to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff #5, hired on June 10, 2025, did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while children were present, the staff was observed in the Middle-Pre-K A classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will submit fingerprints to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will submit fingerprints to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

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

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****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 a review of staff files that the following staff did not have evidence of having completed pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training:

- Staff #9, hired on July 16, 2018
- Staff #11, hired on May 30, 2023
- Staff #12, hired on August 16, 2016
- Staff #13, hired on February 9, 2026
- Staff #14, hired on November 14, 2017
- Staff #15, hired on September 23, 2021
- Staff #16, hired on April 29, 2024

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: 6/9/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.33(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed documentation of ten hours of annual training for the 2025 calendar year.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - Discussed annual language and literacy training.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) - Discussed annual health and safety training.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of staff files that staff #10 and staff #11 were lead teachers and did not meet the minimum academic requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

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: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultants observed the staff seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during mealtime.