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Date: 2/25/2025 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-3212

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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.
02/25/2025	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/31/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
12/23/2024	Incident Investigation & 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
Bldg. 1	1st Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	1st Right	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. 1	2nd Left	Infants	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Bldg. 1	2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. 1	3rd Left	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Feeding
Bldg. 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	4th Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	4th Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	5th Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Bldg. 1	5th Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	6th Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers, Transitioning
Bldg. 1	6th Right	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	7th Left	One Year Olds	2	6	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers
Bldg. 1	7th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg. 1	8th Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning

Bldg. 1	8th Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. II	1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Bldg. II	1st Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg. II	2nd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. II	3rd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	3rd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 163			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 349			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. 1	A	35	C
Bldg. 1	B	45	C
Bldg. 1	C	75	C

Comments

February 25, 2025--The Licensing Study/POI/Follow-Up was conducted on this date. The corrections were observed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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@decalfga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

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.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children in all licensed classrooms.

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

Technical Assistance

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The Consultant discussed the blue waterline that was newly present on the playground and recommended the line be buried so that a tripping hazard was not posed.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that center Personnel shall ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2025**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes, and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2025**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024****Corrected on 2/25/2025**

The correction was observed during a review of records.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR that were required to have the training by this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

Corrected on 2/25/2025

The Correction was made. The Plan of Improvement was accepted and approved by the SIU Unit. The Center will receive Technical Assistance. Active Supervision Posters were posted in classrooms and throughout the Center. Staff were trained on proper supervision February 14, 2025. All staff are required to take HLTH 113 Building and Physical Premises Safety: Indoor and HLTH 114- Outdoor. Observations are conducted throughout the Center to ensure active supervision is maintained.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that children shall be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities.

"Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2025