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Date: 8/12/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:25 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-67631

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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.
08/12/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient	
04/21/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/10/2025	Initial Licensing Study	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
Building A	Room A Second Right 3 to 4 year old Classroom		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room B Far Back 1 to 2 year old Classroom		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room C Infant Special Use	Infants	1	1	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building A	Room D First Left School Age Classroom Not In Use	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building A	Room E First Right After School		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only
1	5	3	8	0	0

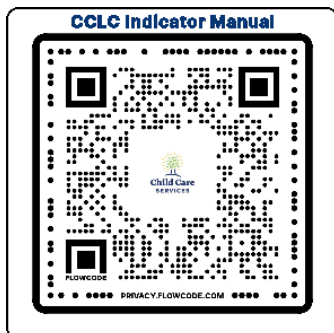
Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

A plan of improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by August 26, 2026. The plan must include the following:

- the date of correction
- how the rule was corrected
- how the rule will be maintained going forward

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.decal.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.decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the infant class had a flexible schedule posted.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that lesson plans throughout the center were not current and from past months.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.19(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the dinosaur rug and alphabet rug in the Far Back classroom was in need of being cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 back playground was observed to have vegetation coming through the fencing and limbs present on the front playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

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Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.15(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.15(2)(f) - Citation corrected. Food served to a 2-year-old child was observed to be cut in appropriate sizes.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.15(4) Citation corrected. Consultant discussed that children must be seated when eating or drinking.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food 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. It was determined based on observation that sausage links were being served to children under the age of 4.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that a 1-year-old had a pacifier clip attached to their clothing.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.17(7) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed a child come in and was asked to wash hands upon arrival

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.16(f) - Citation corrected as the classrooms were licensed. Consultant discussed in order to use the porch it would need to be licensed as special use and additional height added to meet 4-foot requirements.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.21(1)(q) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.21(2)(r) - Citation corrected.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.36(4)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.36(7)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026

.36(7)(b) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed all areas of the emergency medical forms need to be completed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that no load or unload was accounted for when a field trip was taken to City Community Park on June 9, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have the dates listed daily at the bottom of the transportation logs. It was further determined that a field trip taken on June 9, 2026, did not have arrival and departure times listed.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that on August 6, 2026, a first check was not conducted after the Moreland Road Elementary route. It was further determined that a first check was not completed on June 9, 2026, when a field trip was taken to City Park Community Center.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that a second check was not completed on June 9, 2026, when the center took a field trip to City Park Community Center.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026
.36(8) - Citation corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026
.30(1)(a)2 - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026
.30(1)(a)3 - Citation observed to be corrected.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/23/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Corrected on 8/12/2026
.09(1)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026**Corrected on 8/12/2026****.33(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.****Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026****Corrected on 8/12/2026****.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation corrected.****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.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival in the 1st Right Classroom children ranging in age of 1-year-old to 3-year-old were all housed together.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026**Recited on 8/12/2026****591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children 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. It was determined based on observation that a 2-year-old child left the 1st Left Classroom and walked to the Far Back Room without a staff member walking the child.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 8/12/2026