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Date: 1/13/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-39036

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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.
01/13/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/23/2025	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant/Toddler	29	C
Main	B-Back	46	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	13	15	17	10	0	27

Comments

The CCS Consultant left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program on July 15, 2025. . Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource.

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.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@decal.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

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

Comment

The Consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

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

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Corrected on 1/13/2026

.12(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center had the blue chair and sofa recovered.

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

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.19(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. All classrooms in use were operating within their approved 35 square feet.**

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025**Corrected on 1/13/2026****.25(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The linoleum flooring in classroom B has been replaced with tile flooring and a new area rug. Classroom C replaced the frayed rugs with new area rugs.****Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Safety latches were installed on the cabinet doors under the hand washing sink. No hazards were observed.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center purchased black rubber protective covers for bolts protruding more than 2 threads. The center will monitor and replace protective covers as needed.****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center purchased new bucket seats for the swing set located on the toddler playground.**

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.15(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center owner and director stated appropriate food sized for children under the age of 1 and children the age of 1.**

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****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025****Corrected on 1/13/2026****.17(7) - The previous citation was corrected. Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - The Consultant observed expulsion and suspension to be added to the center policy and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

Comment

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - The Consultant observed Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abuse Head Trauma to be added to the center policy and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Corrected on 1/13/2026

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

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-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - The Consultant observed Language and Training certificates.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026

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****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.