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**Date:** 4/14/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

**CCLC-57852**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04/14/2026                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/23/2025                         | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/24/2025                         | 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                            | 1L - Infants       | Infants                   | 2     | 6        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Floor Play      |
| Main                            | 1R - Infants       | Infants and One Year Olds | 2     | 11       | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play           |
| Main                            | 2L - Two's 2       | Two Year Olds             | 1     | 9        | C                             | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                  |
| Main                            | 2R - Two's 1       | Two Year Olds             | 2     | 15       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                            | 3L - GA Pre-K 1    | GA PreK                   | 2     | 20       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Transitioning |
| Main                            | 3R - Toddler 1     | Two Year Olds             | 2     | 15       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | 4L - GA Pre-K 3    | GA PreK                   | 2     | 16       | C                             | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | 4R - GA Pre-K 2    | One Year Olds             | 2     | 14       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | 5L - Three's 1     | GA PreK                   | 1     | 15       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                |
| Main                            | 5R - Three's 2     |                           | 0     | 0        | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                            | 6R - Private Pre-K | Four Year Olds            | 2     | 25       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230 |                    |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 146 |                    |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |

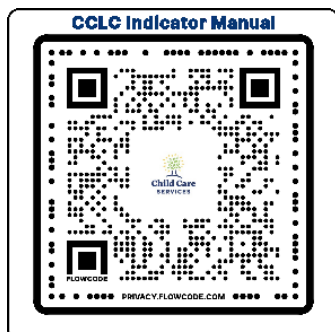
| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Left Front   | 15                   | C                     |
| Main     | Left Rear    | 143                  | C                     |
| Main     | Right Middle | 22                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Rear   | 216                  | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 11                | 24      | 23      | 27      | 46      | 33                 | 34                |

### Comments

Licensing study completed on April 14, 2026.

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.al.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.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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**Facility**

**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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous items were accessible to children in care in the following classrooms:

3R- there was children's "Tylenol," "Motrin," "Zyrtec," diaper cream, "Zarbee's" cough syrup, Saline nasal spray, baby wipes, "Vicks" vapor rub were in children's diaper bags.

5L- there was a spray bottle of "Fabuloso" hanging on the art easel.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please continue to monitor the classrooms to ensure daily cleaning is being completed. (windows, doors, walls, frequently touched surfaces, trash cans..etc...)

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2025**

**Corrected on 4/14/2026**

**.26(6) - Correction observed on this date. Protective coating and broken plastic had been repaired.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the left side front playground there was one-fourth inches of resilient surfacing under the tan and green climbing structure when three inches were required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

**Recited on 4/14/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 11/6/2025**

**Corrected on 4/14/2026**

**.26(9) - Correction observed on this date. All pipes had been repaired.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - 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. Continue to monitor for low hanging and broken tree limbs and remove when present.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.18(7) requires each Center to have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined based on observation that the following items in the kitchen needed cleaning due to dirt, food particles and grease deposits being present:  
cabinets, stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, and freezers

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will designate an area for the storage of these items, will thoroughly clean the space, if needed, develop and implement a plan to train Staff, as needed, and inspect the storage area daily.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - Consultant reviewed with the director as follows: requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that in the 4R classroom the diaper changing table has trash, dirt, debris, food and small toys on the brown rubber mat.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following vehicles seat belts needed to be repaired:  
Tag number ending in 5U6W-The second seat on the right side had two sharp metal pieces on the buckle where the black protective coating was missing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

**Recited on 4/14/2026**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Consultant discussed with the director that mats/cots must have a bottom sheet or cover along with a top sheet or cover for each child.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2026**

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant reviewed with the director the following items are required for all first aid kits: contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times Items. The first aid kits must have current expiration dates on items required. Please replace any items with expired dates.

**Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026**

**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.