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Date: 6/15/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 2:05 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-65882

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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.
06/15/2026	POI Follow Up	Support	
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
11/19/2025	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
Main	1L-Three and Above	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R-Infant	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	41	C

Comments

The visit report was completed on June 15, 2026. The visit report was reviewed and discussed with the Staff member, Sheltaria Pitts. The Consultant requested Staff and Children files, no records were provided on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/30/2026



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.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 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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed in Main 1L-Three and Above Classroom that the television was removed and in Main 2R-Infant Classroom the two white shelves were placed side by side to prevent a tipping hazard as required. Additionally, in 2R-Infant Classroom that the heater was removed.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that four of five children's files reviewed were missing the phone numbers for the parents' employers. It was further determined based on observation that one of five children's files reviewed was missing the information for the emergency contact person(s). Additionally, two of five children's files reviewed were missing the information for the child's authorized release person(s).

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026**Recited on 6/15/2026****Facility****591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026****Corrected on 6/15/2026**

.25(13) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no potentially hazardous materials accessible to the children in care as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026**Corrected on 6/15/2026**

.25(8) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that in Main 1I-Three and Above Classroom and in Main 2R-Infants Classroom that electrical outlets were covered as required.

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

591-1-1-.26(4)- The previous citation was being deferred. The citation will be evaluated at the next licensing study conducted at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(9)-The previous citation was being deferred. The citation will be evaluated at the next licensing study conducted at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that a child who was napping was provided a mat or cot as required.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-No Record

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-No Record

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 hired on October 6, 2025, did not have a certification in pediatric First Aid and CPR within 45 days of employment as required:

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

Recited on 6/15/2026**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 observation that Staff #1 assigned to the 2R-Infant Classroom and the only staff present with children was missing a current and valid certification in pediatric First Aid and CPR as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

Recited on 6/15/2026

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on a review of records that the Center was missing personnel records for Staff #1 hired on October 6, 2025, Staff #4 hired on June 24, 2025, and Staff #6, hired on June 27, 2025 identified as current Staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

Recited on 6/15/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Corrected on 6/15/2026

.32(4) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that 2-year-old children were not housed in the same physical area of 3-year-old and older children as required..

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 in classroom Main 1L-Three and Above a Staff member briefly left six children alone and unsupervised when they exited the classroom to open the front door of the Center. It was further determined that a Staff member in Main 2R-Infants had air pods in their ears which limited their ability to hear the children as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026