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CCLC-66783
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/31/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	Room A 1st R Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	Room B (1 yr.old/ Younger 2year old	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C (Older 2 Yrs.)	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D (Young 3)	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	23	C	Story
Main	Room E (3 & 4 yrs.)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	30	C	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	Room F (school age	Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	22	C	31	C	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128					
Total # Children this Date: 66		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128					

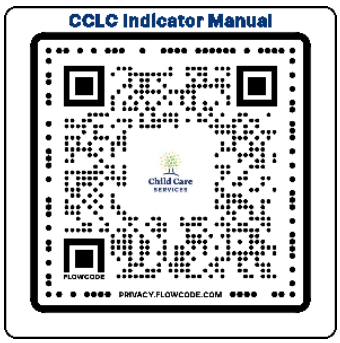
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 3 & Up	304	C
Main	Playground Toddler 2	5	C
Main	Toddler 1	9	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older

Comments
Provider did not receive final license on this date, July 31, 205 due waiting on their CO from local building official

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.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.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!

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial 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.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that in the following rooms had hazards:
Room A- (infants) two chairs with exposed rust on legs.
Room B (1's/2's) rust on chair legs, and dirt and debris underneath diapering pad.
Room D (3-year-olds) red table legs had exposed rust, 12 children's chairs had exposed rust on legs.
Room E (3,4,and 5-year-olds) chairs had exposed rust.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure television in room F is anchored.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

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**

Comment
The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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 in room:
Room A (infants) chipped paint on wall molding
Room B (1's/2's) chipped paint on wall, rust on entrance and exit door window, diapering changing area had plastic bags and missing outlet covers.
Room C (older 2's) chipped paint on wall, door window had exposed rust, and staples in walls.
Room D (3-year-olds) girls bathroom stalls had expose rust and frayed edges at the bottom of the stalls, and chipped paint on walls.
Room E (3, 4, 5-year-olds) wall staples, chipped paint on walls, staples in the walls, plastic tablecloth accessible, and box under sink with plastic bags accessible.
Room F (school age) chipped paint on walls and molding of the walls.

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: 7/31/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(17) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure vegatation, weed, limbs are cut from the fencing

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that in room:
Room A (infants) chipped paint on wall molding
Room B (1's/2's) chipped paint on wall, rust on entrance and exit door window, diapering changing area had plastic bags and missing outlet covers.
Room C (older 2's) chipped paint on wall, door window had exposed rust, and staples in walls.
Room D (3-year-olds) girls bathroom stalls had expose rust and frayed edges at the bottom of the stalls, and chipped paint on walls.
Room E (3, 4, 5-year-olds) wall staples, chipped paint on walls, staples in the walls, plastic tablecloth accessible, and box under sink with plastic bags accessible.
Room F (school age) chipped paint on walls and molding of the walls.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(4) - Discussed with the director to ensure all ventilation fans are operable and clean.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the director that the fencing around the HVAC unit requires a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the plagrounds had the following hazards:
Large playground-red jeep had exposed rust, steering wheels were loose, red table was broken, blue seesaw had exposed rust, blue bouncer had exposed rust and exposed tape on seats, merry-go-round had exposed rust, swing poles had exposed rust, red truck had exposed rust, and basketball structure had exposed mold and rust.
Small side playground -white structure had exposed rust and blue the train had exposed rust.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2025

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 middle playground white pipe had a link missing, exposed hose pipe, and active ant beds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation, administration, storage and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle used with tag ending in 8854 with an expiration date of July 11, 2025. Vehicle with tag ending in 8855 expired on July 11, 2025 . Consultant discussed with the director that the vehicle should not be in use until a current inspection has been completed on all vehicles. Director advised during the summer months vehicles were not in use and will not be used to transport children in care until the beginning of the new school year.

Comment
The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Seven cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 9/2011 and 8/2011. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection. Five cribs were not evaluated due children sleeping.

Comment
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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
A supervision plan was created on this date.

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date for diapering in rooms A & B, main large playground and travel to and from the bathrooms, sharing of room for rooms D, E, and F.