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Date: 5/5/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-695

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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.
05/05/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/28/2025	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	A:2R	Infants	3	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	B:3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C:3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D:2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E:1L	GA PreK	2	16	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F:1R		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

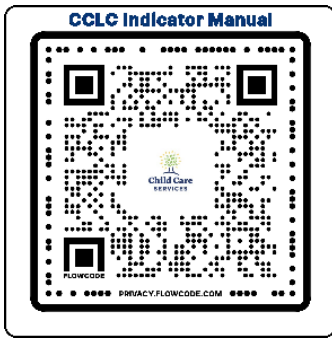
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A:Front Right	22	C
Main	B: Rear Left	47	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	9	13	19	0	17	0

Comments

The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Director on this date. The consultant emailed the following documents to the program staff orientation and emergency plans template.

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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/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!



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

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to adult size equipment is secured in the 1R classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to ensure sign in and out includes signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Program has adequate staffing for evening care.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

The Consultant discussed with the program official to monitor ventilation about toilets and diapering stations

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)**Met****Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure peeling paint in infant room is inaccessible and repaired.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure base of fence is secure to ground and does not pose an entrapment hazard. Additionally, consultant discussed requirement for screws on connecting fence to not be more than two threads or sharp.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure documentation for the large play structure on the back playground is acquired and that the play structure is manufactured for the ages using the equipment.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure plants are cut back and not growing through fence.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Observed bottles covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Observed complete updated infant feeding plans.

Comment

Meals are catered in and the caterer had a Food Service Inspection Report of 91 from GA Department of Public Health on January 30, 2026. The program provides snacks, the kitchen appeared clean and well organized. Additionally, dinner is served for evening care.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(3) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure medication forms are completely filled out to include documentation when child is absent.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Organization**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure an Amendment is submitted in DECAL KOALA for the back playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - TA The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations are included in the programs emergency plans.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure the Center's policies and procedures include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center. Additionally, ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the program had not documented conducting other emergency situation drills, such as lock down drills, every six months in 2025 or 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2026

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Fish maintained appropriately.

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**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the program official to ensure to annual safety inspection is completed. Consultant observed documentation of vehicle undergoing repairs since March 2026. Program stated no transportation will be conducted until vehicle repairs are completed and updated inspection is on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2026

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

Correct number of cribs, cots, sheets, and blankets were observed.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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 two files 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.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Lead staff education credentials were observed for all Lead staff

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.