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Date: 7/21/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-1093

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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.
07/21/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Support	
03/26/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support	

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-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3rd Left 150		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 1st Right 200	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E-2nd Right 250		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-3rd Right 300		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-4th Right 350	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H-5th Right(Rear) 400		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-Center Rear 500	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	J-Left Rear- GYM	Six Year Olds and Over	2	28	C	28	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K-Center- Cafeteria		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	Not In Use
Main	L- Bldg II 1st Rt		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Main	M- 2nd Rt- 1st Grade		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	N- 1st Left-1st Grade		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Main	O- 2nd Left		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	P - 1st Left Drake		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Q - next to gym		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 333

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 368

Total # Children this Date: 75

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 333

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/04/2025

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!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following potential tipping hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom D- 1st Right 200

-There was an unsecured wooden bookshelf at the back middle of the room.

Classroom J- Left Rear- GYM

-There were nine sets of stacked chairs at the back left of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 8

Not Met

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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom in classroom D 1st Right 200 and both restrooms in classroom G 4th right 350 did not have a working exhaust fan.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025**Prior Visits: 02/17/2025****Recited on 7/21/2025****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****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that plastic grocery bags remain inaccessible to children at all times.

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 potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom I-Center Rear 500

- There was an aerosol spray can of Cutter bug repellent and a bottle of Off Kids bug spray in a green plastic container on the floor located at the right middle of the classroom.
- There were two zip lock bags with plastic sliders at the middle left of the classroom.

Classroom D-1st Right 200

- There was a bag with a plastic slider in a child's cubby accessible to children.
- There were five baby wipes packages in children's cubbies accessible to children.
- There was a pack of baby wipes on top of the children's cubby area accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Prior Visits: 08/16/2022

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 08/16/2022

Corrected on 7/21/2025

.25(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed there to be electrical outlets with protective caps in classroom J- Left Rear Gym on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a 7 inch gap at the back left of the playground area with the basketball court.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Prior Visits: 02/15/2023

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 there was chipping paint on the green tic-tac-toe play structure at the front left of the Center. It was further determined that there was a 12 inch by 4 inch crack on the green spiral slide near the basketball court.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Prior Visits: 08/16/2022

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that broken toys are removed from the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Prior Visits: 02/15/2023

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 there were several exposed tree roots at the back right of the front right playground accessible to children on this date posing a potential tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Prior Visits: 02/15/2023

Recited on 7/21/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that there was an empty bowl of apple sauce on top of the diapering area while a child was being diapered in classroom D- 1st Right 200.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children in classroom I-Center Rear 500 did not wash hands before eating lunch as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025**Prior Visits: 02/17/2025****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2025

Prior Visits: 02/17/2025

Corrected on 7/21/2025

.36(4)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that there were no seats with tears and exposed foam on the vehicle used for transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a staff member placed an infant to sleep in a crib on their stomach in classroom A -1st Left.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Prior Visits: 02/17/2025

Recited on 7/21/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, hired May 5, 2025, did not submit both a records check application to the department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site prior to working at the Center.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1.) (b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, hired May 5, 2025, did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that all staff complete the CPR and First Aid training within the first 45 days of employment.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #7, hired on March 3, 2025, did not have evidence of completing Health and Safety Orientation Training within the first 90 days as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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.