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Date: 7/16/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-50278

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/16/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient	
02/04/2026	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/11/2025	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	A-LEFT RM	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B-RIGHT RM	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	27	NC	12	NC	17	NC	Transitioning, TV, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38							
Total # Children this Date: 47			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38							

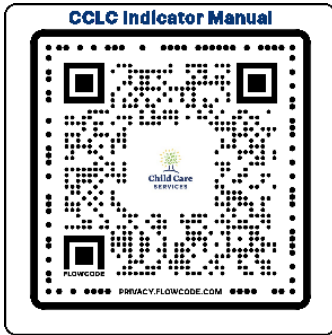
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	ONE	20	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	4	15	4	4	0	20

Comments

The Director had went into premature labor and was not present on the date of this visit.

An exit conference discussing the Licensing study report was conducted with the Assistant Director on this date. An email with the Licensing study report attached was sent to the Assistant Director for signature on 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@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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(13) - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure Staff are following the daily schedule for each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Corrected on 7/16/2026

.03(2) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Lesson plans were posted in the classrooms for the Consultant to review.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure shelves are cleaned and free from dirt and dust.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

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 Classroom B-Right Room, there were 4 containers that were used to store toys, cracked and had exposed sharp edges. In addition, on the shelf beside the kitchen, there was 1 container that was used to store toys, cracked and had exposed edges.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure items placed on top of shelves is secured to the shelf.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation in Classroom B-Right Class, there were 27 children present with two tables and sixteen chairs allowing only 16 children to sit and eat lunch. Children were observed having to take turns sitting at the tables to eat lunch.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2026

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.
Ensure Bathrooms are cleaned.

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation there were 27 children ages 3-years-old to 12-years-old housed in Classroom B-Right Room and the capacity for the Classroom is 12. In addition, the overall capacity for the center is 33 and there were a total of 47 children present on the date of this visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

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 the following hazards were found:

Classroom A

* Toilet brush beside the toilet

* Hand Sanitizer on the top shelf located by the cubbies.

Classroom B

* Toilet Cleaning tool beside the toilet

* Toilet Plunger beside the toilet

* Broom beside shelf by the bathroom

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure center is kept clean and in working conditions.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(2) requires the center to provide at least one hundred square feet of outside play space for each child using the space at one time. It was determined based on observation that when the Consultant arrived at 9:40 a.m., they observed 38 children ages 2-years-old to 12-years-old on the playground while the capacity on the playground is 20.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

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 the top of the fencing located in the middle of the fence beside the driveway had a loose wire sticking out at the top and the fencing needed to be re-attached to the metal pole.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2026

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 the following hazards were found:

- * The path leading to the playground had indoor/outdoor grass that had become unattached from the boards and rolled up posing a tripping hazard.
- * Vines and weeds growing through the fence along fencing to the right and left of the gate to the playground.
- * Several black tarps and indoor/outdoor grass were observed uncovered around the equipment posing a tripping hazard.
- * Unused high chair and a mop and bucket were outside the door leading to the playground.
- * The top of the wood railing located beside the asphalt was observed to be split, exposing splintered wood.
- * Exposed concrete located at the bottom of the gate which can cause a tripping hazard.
- * Exposed tree roots located in front of the gate after entering the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2026

Food Service

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers and have a date placed on them.

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation and staff interviews, the portable sink located beside the changing table in Classroom A, was not operable. Center staff stated that they use the bathroom located across the classroom to wash hands after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure changing pad on the diapering table has no exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

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 staff interviews that the emergency drill form was not on the premises for the consultant to review.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

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

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)5. requires passenger transportation checklists be maintained as Center records for one year. It was determined based on Staff interviews, the transportation records were not on site for the Consultant to review. In addition, the vehicle was not on site for the Consultant to inspect. Transportation records and the vehicle were at the home of the Director/Owner, who was not present on the date of visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

There are not infant children enrolled in the Center on the date of this visit. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation, 7 out of 16 mats were torn and had exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/17/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/13/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Comment

Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kit.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2026

Corrected on 7/16/2026

.14(1)(a) - This citation has been corrected on this date. Staff #5, who was hired sometime after June 15, 2026, is still within the 45 days to obtain, their CPR and First Aid certification.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(a) requires that when any child is present on the premises, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver staff present shall be trained in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. It was determined based on review of Staff records, five out of seven staff were missing a current and valid certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The following Staff were missing a valid and current CPR certification:

#1-Expired

#2,-Online and unable to determine date

#3,-Expired

#4-Expired

#6-Expired

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2026

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 review of records, Classroom B had a Staff present and there was no documentation to confirm they had a current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training certification while caring for children and the Staff present to assist in Classroom B had an expired pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(d) requires the Center Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times. It was determined based on review of staff records, the Director's (Staff #6) pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) had expired June of 2026.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2026

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 review of Staff records, Staff Members #1, # 2, #3, and #7 were missing documentation for the 10 Hours of Health and Safety Orientation.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Recited on 7/16/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)-This citation will be deferred until next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation, one (1) Staff member was caring for 27 children with the following ages: 3 3-year-old, 4 4-year-olds, 6 5-year-olds and 14 6-year to 12-year-olds. Based on the twenty percent rule, the staff:child ratio should have been one (1) Staff with twenty (20) children.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Not Met
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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 when the Consultant arrived, they observed two out of three Staff were sitting at the table on the playground looking down at their cell phones, while the children were playing on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026