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Date: 5/19/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-66939

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/19/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/23/2025	ILS with Final License Date	Good Standing	
09/30/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	1L-Younger One		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1R-Upstairs-Pre-K/Afterschool		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L-Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3L-Bottom Two 's	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L-Older One	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4L-Bottom Three & Four		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 10

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Toddler	27	C
Main	Main	203	C

Comments

The investigative findings were not concluded on this date. The investigation remains open pending additional information. Upon completion, the findings will be reviewed with the child care program and a final copy of the report will be sent.

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.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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 the refrigerator play set in the Older Ones classroom had a missing door, resulting in protruding screws being exposed at the hinges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are free from hazards daily.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

Corrected on 5/19/2026

.26(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the program had made the appropriate repairs to the fence surrounding the playground and no hazards were observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant discussed with the center the importance of ensuring that the gate to the infant and toddler playground remains intact and securely closed at all times, except when staff are entering or exiting the area.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026

.26(6) - Previous cited rule violation was corrected on this date. No hazards were observed on the center playgrounds.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the playground around the swing set was 3.5 inches in some areas and 6 inches in other when 6 inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing and clean up the weeds that are growing through the mulch. The Center will check daily to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026

.26(9) - The previously cited rule violation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that no hazards were present on the center playground.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom 3L, two 2-year-old children and one 1-year-old child were housed with seven 3-year-old children outside of designated times, such as early morning arrival and late afternoon departure. Additionally, the Consultant observed the younger children being escorted from Classroom 3L to a separate classroom

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026