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Date: 4/15/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 12:00 PM

CCLC-27104

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04/15/2026                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 02/25/2026                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 01/16/2026                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                                   |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                                   |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                                   |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |

Ratios/License Capacity

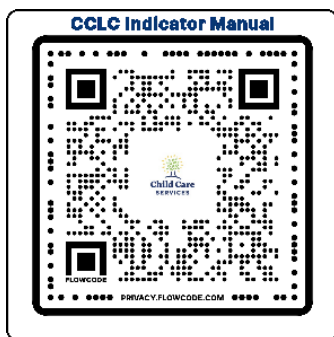
| Building                       | Room            | Age Group                          | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF.                      | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Main                           | A- First Right  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 1                               | 5        | C    | 10                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside     |
| Main                           | B-Second Right  |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 15                              | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main                           | C-Third Right   | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 15       | C    | 26                              | C            | 37         | C            | Circle Time |
| Main                           | D- Fourth Right |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26                              | C            | 36         | C            |             |
| Main                           | E- Third Left   |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19                              | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main                           | F- Second Left  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 15       | C    | 16                              | C            | 22         | C            | Centers     |
| Main                           | G- First Left   | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 6        | C    | 14                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside     |
|                                |                 |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153 |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 41 |                 |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153 |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Center Back  | 132                  | C                     |
| Main     | Second Right | 25                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 6       | 6       | 14      | 8       | 19                 | 24                |

Comments

Consultant discussed the visit report and addressed any questions and concerns.



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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(2) - Air purifier was not in use at the time of the visit. Discussed with the Director to ensure that the air purifier is inaccessible to children while in use.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with the Director to ensure diapering stations have locked cabinet doors to keep potentially hazardous items, such as baby wipes and grocery bags, inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed with the Director to ensure the children have access to warm water throughout the day.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

**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(9) - Discussed with the Director to remove the plush climbing equipment with small rips and tears, from the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/25/2026**

**Corrected on 4/15/2026**

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant discussed with the Director the requirements for required reporting and the procedures going forward.

**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 all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

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

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

The center does not care for children who require cribs. .

**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**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**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 classroom A-First Right had multiple 3-year-olds with children that were 2-year-olds during the time of the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026**

**Comment**

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