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Date: 11/18/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-52188

Cadence Academy Preschool of Grayson

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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.
11/18/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/08/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/14/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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-1L-1's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	B-2L-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	C- 3L-2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play,Clean Up
Main	D-4L-3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	21	C	Circle Time,Centers,Free Play
Main	E-5L-3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	25	C	Free Play,Centers,Transitioning
Main	F-6L-4's & Up	GA PreK	2	15	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	G-5R-4's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	36	C	Clean Up,Circle Time
Main	H-4R-4's & Up	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	28	C	Circle Time,Art,Centers
Main	I-3R-5's & Up	GA PreK	2	19	C	15	NC	21	C	Art,Clean Up
Main	J-2R-4's & Up		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	Not In Use
Main	K-1R-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 203					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 258					
Total # Children this Date: 135					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 258					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Front Left-2's	25	C
Main	Playground B - Left Middle-3's & 4's	54	C
Main	Playground C-Left Rear-4's & Up	90	C
Main	Playground D- Back R-4's & Up	138	C
Main	Playground E-Right Middle-4's & Up	85	C
Main	Playground F-Front Right-Infants	14	C
Main	Special Use-Splash Pad	24	C

Comments

Reminders:

- First Aid and CPR: Effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. At least one person in each classroom must have current pediatric and CPR training.
- Please update the center's policies and procedures to include the programs practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions.
- Please ensure a description of practices followed by the center on the prevention of shaking baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age.
- Effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Please be sure to utilize the indicator manual for any clarification needed on rules and regulations. The indicator manual can be found here: https://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/CCLC_IndicatorManual.pdf

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI 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 in classroom C-3L-2's there was a broken cabinet door under the changing table that was accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Please ensure in the school age room all cleaning items are inaccessible to children.

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 present and accessible to children:

Classrooms:

D-4L-3's: Broom and dust pan in the bathroom.

E-5L-3's: Broom in the classroom in front of the sink as well as a broom and dust pan in the bathroom.

F-6L-4's & up: Broom and dust pan in the girls bathroom.

H-4R-4's & up: Stapler, adult scissors, and Halls cough drops to the right of the classroom in the top drawer of the teachers desk.

I-3r-5's & up: Toilet brush in the girls bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure ceiling tiles are in good repair. Classroom J-2R-4's & up had a ceiling tile in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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 the fence between Playground D and Playground E had a 7.5 inch gap. Also between Playground F and Playground E there was a 4-6 inch gap on the fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure to maintain resilient surfaces.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

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 there was an excessive amount of trash located on playground A-Front Left-2's, B-Left Middle-3's & 4's, and C-Left Rear-4's & up.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Please ensure all fire extinguishers are inspected and maintained. Tag number RNF4248 did not have an inspection date.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present. Please ensure each staff member has a physical first aid/CPR card.

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds. Please be mindful when propping playground doors open to maintain supervision.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.32(7) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.