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Date: 1/27/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 11:50 AM

CCLC-3320  
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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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/27/2025                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09/03/2024                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 05/14/2024                  | Monitoring Visit | 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                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | B                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | C                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | D                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | E                    | One Year Olds   | 3                               | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Main                            | F                    | Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 3        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Main                            | G                    | Three Year Olds | 2                               | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music     |
| Main                            | H                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | I                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | J                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | K                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | L                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | M                    |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | N Multi-purpose Room |                 | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168 |                      |                 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |
| Total # Children this Date: 15  |                      |                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168 |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |
|                                 |                      |                 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 187                  | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 7       | 5       | 6       | 4       | 0                  | 15                |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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#### 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.

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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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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 and completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center.

**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 were accessible to children and posed a hazard:

**Classroom F**

- Inside an unlocked closet were a staff purse, two grey grocery bags, a broom, and a dustpan.
- On the left side of the toilet in the children's bathroom was a toilet cleaning brush.

**Classroom H**

- On top of the cubby were adult scissors, a stapler, plastic packaging for disposable cups, and a black basket full of grey grocery bags.

**Classroom L**

- On top of the cubby was a container of disinfectant wipes, plastic packaging for disposable cups, and wipes labeled, "keep out of reach of children."

**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: 1/27/2025**

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

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

**Food Service**

## 591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition

Met

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

## 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

## 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

## 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

**Policies and Procedures**

## 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; 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 observation that the center had not conducted a fire drill since June 2024, a smoke detector check and fire extinguisher check since May 2024, and there was no tornado or lockdown drill conducted for the year 2024. Additionally, there was no evidence that the emergency plans procedures were reviewed for the year 2024.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2025**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on the premises.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

**Comment**

Please ensure that cots are labeled for individual use.

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

Met

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Met

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

Met

**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024**

**Corrected on 1/27/2025**

**The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

**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)**

Technical Assistance

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The consultant discussed with the director to ensure Staff are attentive and seated within an arm's length away from children 36 months of age and younger. Additionally, the consultant discussed ensuring that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children must always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

**Correction Deadline: 1/27/2025**