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Date: 9/4/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing **Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM
Study POI Follow Up

CCLC-50216

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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.
09/04/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/01/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/24/2025	Incident Investigation 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- 6wks to 12 months	Infants	2	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	B- 1's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 2's	One Year Olds	1	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	12	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-1/ 2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-2/2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-1/ 4 and up (AS)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 31						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left Front - 6wks- 12 months	14	C
Main	Playground B - Left Side/ Rear- 1's and 2's	43	C
Main	Playground C - Right Side/Rear/ 3 and up	82	C

Main	Playground D - Right Side/Center Area/ 3 and up	62	C
Main	Playground E-Right Side Front- Water play	28	C

Comments

Discussed the new rule changes, with the Director, that were effective July 1, 2025.

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a CI/LS POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed with the director to please ensure lesson plans are updated regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Comment

591-1-1-.03(3) - Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the director to please ensure the children's equipment, such as the kitchen set, is in good repair and not missing any pieces, such as the kitchen sink.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Prior Visits: 11/14/2024

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

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.35 - Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.08 - Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation in classroom F 1/4 and up (AS) the boys bathroom had dried urine on both of the toilets and a dirty diaper on the floor in front of the toilet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.19 - Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms had mice droppings in the storage closet where the cots were stored:

- classroom C-2's
- classroom D- GA Pre-K
- classroom F 1/4 and up (AS)

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Prior Visits: 11/14/2024, 10/27/2021

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.26 - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Comment**

591-1-1-.15 - Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly and fully completed leaving no blanks on the form.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(5) - Discussed with the Director to please ensure the center's menu is updated including dates.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - Discussed with the Director to please ensure the refrigerator and the freezer has a thermometer at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

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

591-1-1-.10 - Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.17 - Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) requires washcloth handwashing be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely and for children with special needs; requires that an individual washcloth be used only once for each child before laundering. It was determined based on observation, in classroom A- 6wks to 12 months, staff failed to wash/wipe an infants hands after diaper changing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on how to correctly use washcloth handwashing and will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Prior Visits: 05/13/2025

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.20 - 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 observation the center's last completed fire drill was April, 2,2025. It was further determined, tornado and lockdown drill was not been completed the past six months.

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: 9/9/2025

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.05 - Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.11 - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

591-1-1-.13 - Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

591-1-1-.36 - Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.36 - The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records the annual inspection for the vehicles used to transport children had expired June 24, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of cots were discussed with the staff on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

591-1-1-.09(1) - Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

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

591-1-1-.14 - Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.14 - Please replace/add missing/expired items in the first aid kit on the vehicle.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

591-1-1-.33 - Documentation observed of completed Health and Safety Orientation for all staff.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Discussed with the Director that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file before they are assigned to children. .

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) - New - Discussed with the Director to please ensure all staff complete their 10 hours of annual training each year. Also, discussed with the Director that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2025**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.31 - 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**

591-1-1-.32 - Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/7/2025****Prior Visits: 06/24/2025**

Corrected on 9/4/2025

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed adequate supervision in the classrooms in the classrooms at the time of the visit.