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Date: 8/31/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:25 AM **Departure:** 1:35 PM

CCLC-51677
Rocking Horse Childcare Center
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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/31/2026	POI Follow Up	Deficient
08/31/2026	Initial-TA	NA
08/03/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient

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.

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	E:1L		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room A		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B	Infants	1	1	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 14		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant)	13	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	12	C
Main	Playground C (3 - 12 yrs)	38	C

Enrolled Children

Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only

Comments
The Center is deficient. A Plan of Improvement was left with the Center and is due September 15, 2026. An office conference is needed.

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx.

Compliance at a Glance

For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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@decal.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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026
The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The children's files reviewed were complete.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026
The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The toilets were clean.

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 in Room E: 1L there were two electrical outlets, one on the left back wall near the back door and one on the left front wall near the entrance door missing plate covers posing an electrocution hazard. additionally, Room C the window blind in the block area was torn.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following posed a strangulation and electrocution hazard:
Room E: 1L
- There were three black loose cords hanging down the left wall near the back door.
- On the back there were two black loose cords hanging down from the back of the television.
- On the right side of the back of the room there were nine black loose cords hanging from the wall.
- There were two electrical outlets without protective caps on the right and left front wall near the entrance door.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

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 that on playground C the wire on the left back corner fence was loose. The left fence on the back corner, front corner and the middle measured 3 feet posing an escape hazard. Additionally, on the back fence in the middle measured 3 feet.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that on playground B there was a green, brown, and blue play set with the brown railing detached on the right side posing an injury hazard.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026

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 that the following were accessible to children on the playground posing a safety hazard:
Playground B
- Weeds protruding from the ground around the back door of room C and at the bottom of the right fence line.
Playground C
- Weeds protruding from the ground around the bottom of the back fence line.
- Black tarp protruding out from the ground throughout.
- Exposed tree roots throughout.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/04/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, #3, and #5 were present in Rooms B and C without having evidence of current pediatric first aid and CPR training obtained within the first 45 days of employment as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation that in Room B and C did not have evidence of one Staff present in the room with current first aid and CPR training on file as required. Additionally. Staff #2, #3, and #5 did not have evidence of current first aid and CPR training on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on observation that a lead teacher, Staff #2, #3, #5, and #6 in Room B, C, and D did not have evidence of educational credentials as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026