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Date: 6/2/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:35 PM Departure: 5:20 PM

CCLC-54234

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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.
06/02/2026	Licensing Study	Support	
02/17/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/27/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	

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 1R- 4's		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 2R/Back 2"s		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/1L/Pre-K 2	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	D/2L/Pre-K 1		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E/Lower L (3's)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

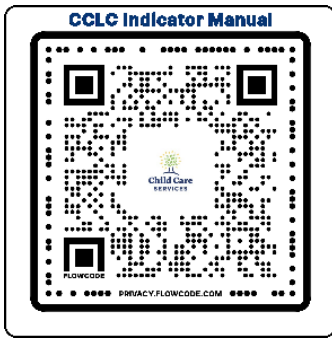
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	C- 1's	14	C
Main	D- Left Toddler	9	C
Main	PG/A/Right 2's	120	C
Main	PG/B/Left 3-12yrs	41	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	1	9	3	0	12

Comments

June 2, 2026-The visit was not closed because there was not an administrator available to discuss the visit. The consultant will send the visit to the Assistant Director, Kayla Mesa, on June 3, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/16/2026



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>.

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!



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

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 that there was water on the floor in the left hand restroom in classroom C/1L/Pre-K 2, creating a potential slipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there was a floor tile missing in the left restroom in classroom C/1L/Pre-K 2.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure that there were plants with clusters of three leaflets growing through the fence behind the swings on playground PG/B/Left 3 - 12yrs and through the fence beside the gate between playgrounds PG/A/Right 2's and PG/B/Left 3 - 12yrs.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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 ceiling had water damage and was sagging in the back of classroom A 1R- 4's. The classroom was not occupied on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.25(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed unused electrical outlets to be covered.

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 there was a 5-inch gap under the gate next to the ramp on playground PG/A/Right 2's. Additionally, there were loose wires under the gate between playgrounds D-Left Toddler and PG/B/Left 3 -12yrs.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the water was not warm in classrooms C/1L/Pre-K 2 and E/Lower L (3's)

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that the director's transportation training expired on April 24, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on review of records that the second seat on the driver side had a 4-inch tear with exposed foam in vehicle tag number ETZ 689. Further, there was debris on the floor of both vehicles.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no boosters in use on either vehicle on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Center does not serve infants.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.30(1)(b)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the children's cots had sheets on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/22/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing,.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The Assistant Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit February 17, 2026.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that the center director's criminal background check had expired on March 22, 2026, and the director did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. The director was not present at the center during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1.) (b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that the center director did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file at the center. The Director's background check had expired on March 22, 2026. The Director had a background check dated for April 27, 2023, and was past the portability deadline. The Director was not present at the center during the visit;

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that staff hired more than 45 days had current certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.

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 a review of records that staff #2, date of hire May 29, 2026⁵, did not have evidence of current certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training on file and was the only staff member present in classroom E/Lower L (3's)

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Recited on 6/2/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the following items were added to the first aid kits on the vehicles::

Vehicle tag number ETZ689: First aid manual and thermometer

Vehicle tag number RYA5733: tweezers and antibacterial ointment.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Corrected on 6/2/2026

.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Center administration stated that they are monitoring courses completed throughout the year to ensure staff will have completed the required training hours for 2026.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with the assistant director that directors are required to routinely be on-site and present at the center during at least 80% of the center's operating hours. Directors cannot be responsible for more than one center.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.