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Date: 9/10/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-37405

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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.
09/10/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/21/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

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-109- Tiny Tappers	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Snack,Floor Play
Main	B-2L-108 -Tiny Tappers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	C-3L-107G	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D-4L-106	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-5R- Shooting Stars B	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F-4R- Shooting Stars A	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-3R-103D-Show Kids	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H-2R-Tiny Tappers A		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-1R- Tiny Dreamers	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Free Play
Main	M-2 floor-School age/Art	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Homework
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Total # Children this Date: 84		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	B- All Ages-Left side of Bldg	66	C
Main	Playgd A- Back of Bldg	15	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	13	23	25	9	0	2

Comments

The Investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the outcome.

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 user id 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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed that the exhaust in the bathroom of room C-3L-107 G needs to be operating properly and pull the air in.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were 10 children in room M-2nd Floor-School Age that was licensed for 7 children. There was no incident or injury.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that will submit an Amendment Application to convert one of the Special Use rooms to a regular room. The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed that all potentially hazardous items and teacher's belongings need to be in locked cabinets and/or inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed that the peeling cover on the under sink cabinet in room C-3L-107 G need to be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed repairing the tears in the astro turf so they do not present a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Discussed that the exhaust vent in room A-1L-109-Tiny Tappers need to operate properly and pull the air in.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(2) - Discussed that Infants need to be moved to cribs if they fall asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025

Corrected on 9/10/2025

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected as all staff had current Comprehensive Background Checks.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025

Corrected on 9/10/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected as all staff had current Comprehensive Background Checks.

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

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

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

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2024.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Discussed that in each room there needs to be a Lead Teacher with credentials or Professional Learning Plan.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

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

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Comment

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed that Staff shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during meal times and feeding.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2025

Corrected on 9/10/2025

.11(2) - Previous citation was corrected as Staff stated proper knowledge of appropriate discipline.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2025

Corrected on 9/10/2025

.32(7) - Previous citation was corrected as adequate supervision was observed and the Director and Staff stated proper knowledge.