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Date: 12/3/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-52493
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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.
12/03/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support	
04/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/25/2024	Licensing Study	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
Bldg 1	A- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	B- 6wks- 18 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Bldg 1	C- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	D- 3's - 12's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Play yard	174	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	3	3	6	2	0	13

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/17/2025

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

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 the flooring at the back left, back middle, and back right of Classroom B- 6 wks-18 mths was not smooth and had sharp protruding corners, causing a potential tripping and cutting hazard. It was further determined that the ramp at the back of Classroom B- 6 wks-18 mths had a metal strip with a sharp protruding corner at the left side, causing potential tripping and cutting hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

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 potential hazards were accessible to children on this date.

Bldg 2: Classroom D – 3's – 12's

- There was a pack of Pampers baby wipes in the children's cubbies.
- There was an unlocked closet with two black trash bags at the back middle of the classroom.
- There was an unlocked closet with white trash bags and a plastic grocery bag at the back middle of the classroom.
- There was an unlocked cabinet below the handwashing sink with a plunger and a trash bag in the classroom bathroom.
- There was a toilet brush to the left of the toilet in the classroom bathroom.
- There was a broom, a dust pan, and a mop at the back middle of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

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 electrical hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom B- 6 wks-18 mths

- There was exposed wiring at the base of the wall located at the back right of the classroom.

Classroom D- 3's -12's

- There were four electrical outlets without protective caps at the back right of the classroom.
- There were two electrical outlets without protective caps at the front middle and front left of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

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 12 inch by 5 inch bottom gap at the back right of the chain link fence on the playground. It was further determined that there was a 5 inch top gap at the back right of the chain link fence on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the exposed tree roots at the back right and front right of the playground are spray painted to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that four baby bottles were not labeled with the child's first and last name.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that classroom B- 6wks- 18mths did not have a ventilation fan as required. It was further determined that the classroom windows were not being used during diaper changes as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2025

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 that Staff in Classroom B- 6wks-18mths failed to wash children's hands immediately after diapering. It was further determined based on observation that the bathroom sink and handwashing sink located at the back right of Classroom D- 3's-12's did not have warm running water.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

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 observation that the backrest of the third left seat had a top to bottom tear with exposed foam on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the children's records to be complete on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that one of one crib in use in classroom B- 6wks-18mths did not have a tight-fitting crib sheet as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that Staff in classroom B- 6wks-18mths did not place an infant child on their back to sleep as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant child in classroom B- 6wks-18ths was asleep in a high chair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 12/3/2025

.09(1)(j) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have the required CRC determination on file on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

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 # 1, hired on September 22, 2025, did not have documentation of completing CPR and First Aid training within the first 45 days of employment as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, hired on April 1, 2005, did not have documentation of completing four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- The Provider will have until December 31, 2025 to complete 10 hours of diverse annual training for the 2025 calendar year. This will be evaluated during the 2026 regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs); (ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants); (iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response); (iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment). It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #3, hired on June 30, 2025, did not have documentation of completing Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2026

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)

Not Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom D- 3's-12's housed one 2-year-old child, three 3-yearold children, and two 4-year-old children, present during the visit.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that Staff in Classroom B- 6 wks-18 mths failed to provide watchful oversight when they left the classroom to open the door for the Consultant, leaving six children unsupervised for approximately 10 seconds.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Recited on 12/3/2025