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Date: 8/13/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:15 AM **Departure:** 9:45 AM

CCLC-1451

Childcare Network #100

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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.
08/13/2026	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
08/13/2026	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
07/21/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient	

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	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Breakfast
Main	1st Left (GA Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	12	C	29	C	41	C	Breakfast
Main	2nd Right		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Back		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	Middle Back (GA Pre-K)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	16	NC	18	C	25	C	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	179	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

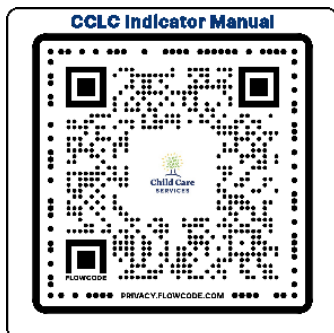
Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement follow-up.

A plan of improvement will need to be submitted by August 27, 2026 and include the following:

- the date the correction was made to the rule violation
- how the rule was corrected
- how the rule will be maintained

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/27/2026



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>.



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.dec.al.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.03(13) - Citation observed to be corrected. The schedule reflects how the classroom is being used.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.03(2) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed ensure that dates are visible on the lesson plans.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation that 2-year-old and 3-year-old children were in the Middle Back classroom eating breakfast and the classroom had school age tables and chairs.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2026

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 the following hazard was present on the playground:

Back Right:

paint was chipping on the sliding equipment

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2026

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 in need of being cleaned or repaired on the playgrounds:

Back Left Playground:

a wooden indoor shelf was outside on the side and posed a falling hazard to children in care

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2026

Recited on 8/13/2026

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.15(10) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.15(7) Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.18(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.10(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.17(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.17(7) - Citation corrected as children were observed to be washing hands for breakfast upon entry.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.20(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Safety**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 a review of records the annual safety check for the bus ending in 6233 expired on July 18, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2026

Recited on 8/13/2026

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

Corrected on 8/13/2026

.36(7)(c)3. - Citation observed to be corrected as dates were listed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026

.30(4) - Citation observed to be corrected as cots were covered.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2026

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. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the Middle Back classroom 2-year-old children were eating breakfast and the staff members was walking around and the staff members present were not seated within arm's length of the children. It was further determined in the 1st Right classroom an infant was placed on the floor on a soft pad in the middle of the room with a bottle and the staff member was sitting under the diapering station while another child was eating in a feeding chair and the staff member was not seated within arm's length of the infant placed on the floor drinking from the bottle.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2026

Recited on 8/13/2026