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Date: 5/5/2026 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:25 AM Departure: 5:00 PM

CCLC-62519

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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.
05/05/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/05/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support	
04/23/2026	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	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Free Play
Main	B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	24	C	Centers
Main	F	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	17	C	24	C	Music
Main	G-PreK	GA PreK	1	16	C	26	C	36	C	Circle Time
Main	H		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	OUTSIDE	126	C

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Tabitha Staten.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/19/2026



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.dec.al.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.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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the red sofa in classroom H was observed to be peeling. It was also determined that the green seat in classroom F was observed with a hole on top.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2026

Facility

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure that the rug in classroom G is smooth and tight and free of potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

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 diaper wipes were observed stored in the cubby. It was further determined that diaper wipes were stored in the bookbag that was hanging from the cubby accessible to children in care in Classroom E.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Recited on 5/5/2026

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 following hazards were observed:

Classroom E

- Chipping paint was observed on the wall in the dramatic area and block area.
- A hole in the wall was observed in the dramatic area.
- A broken electrical socket was observed in the manipulative area.

Classroom F

- Chipping paint was observed on the wall in the circle time area.

Restroom between classroom E and F

- Rust was observed on the panel inside the second stall.

Hallway

- Rust was observed on the water fountain near the kitchen.

Classroom H

- Rust was observed on the vent near the entrance door on the left side.
 - Chipping paint was observed on the left side wall of the classroom behind the mailbox.
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Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

Recited on 5/5/2026

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 the fence covering on the right side near the toddler playground was observed torn.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

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 the following hazards were observed:

School age Playground

- Rust was observed on four of four s hooks and swing seats on this date.
 - Splintering wood was observed on both ramps near the large playground equipment.
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Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

Recited on 5/5/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Corrected on 5/5/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as no hazards were observed.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) - Please ensure that Staff in classroom A (infants) hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Corrected on 5/5/2026
.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Per the Director vehicle tag # SFK6649 was no longer in use.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 8	Not Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2024	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 9	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2024	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	

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

Not Met

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment
591-1-1-.14(1)(b) - Please ensure that first aid and CPR training certificates deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Corrected on 5/5/2026
.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as Staff # 8 complete 18 hours of training for the 2026 calendar year.

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

Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 8 hired on December 2, 2024 and Staff # 9 hired on July 11, 2024, did not have the lead teacher credentials on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Recited on 5/5/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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 Staff in classroom C (2A) were not seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during lunch time. It was further determined that Staff in classroom E (2B) were not seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during lunch time.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026