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Date: 1/28/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-3966

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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.
01/28/2026	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
12/30/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
12/05/2025	Complaint Closure	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
Main	A-202	One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-203	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-204	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D-205	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E-210	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F-213	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning
Main	G-214	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-215	One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I-216		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J-217	One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	15	C	Floor Play
Main	K-218-219		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	Not In Use
Main	L-227	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	29	C	Free Play
Main	M-229	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	29	C	Art
Main	N-232	Infants	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	O-234	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	P-235		0	0	C	9	C	12	C	Not In Use
Main	Q-236-237		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 241

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 297

Total # Children this Date: 95

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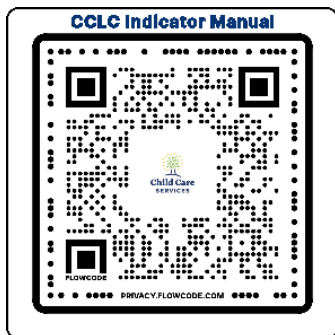
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (3-12 Yrs)	62	C
Main	Playground-Infant	32	C

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/11/2026



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decal.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:

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

Not Met

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 hazards were present and accessible in rooms:

-C-204: Desitin diaper rash cream, CeraVe Moisturizing Cream, Vaseline, Burt's Bees Chapstick, insect repellent stick, and adult scissors were located in children's backpacks.

-K-218-219: A dustpan and Swiffer were propped against the wall beside the children's toilet.

-L-227: A plunger was located behind the toilet in the children's bathroom on the right.

-Q-236-237: Aquaphor and two cans of sunscreen were located in Children's bags. Additionally, a can of Wizard air freshener and spray disinfectants were located in a clear storage drawer behind the teacher's desk under the phone.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Recited on 1/28/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Additional resilient surface was added throughout all playgrounds.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The changing pads in Classrooms A-202, B-203, and C-204 had been replaced with new changing pads.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2025

Corrected on 1/28/2026

.20(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. No medication was accessible in any classrooms.

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle with tag number PB777 had a seatbelt in the 4th row, 1st seat that was not retracting.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Recited on 1/28/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the driver did not record when all of the children exited the vehicle from Westside Elementary School on December 5, 2025 and December 18, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2026

Recited on 1/28/2026

Corrected on 1/28/2026

Staffing and Supervision

Not Met

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 Rooms C-204 and O-234 were not seated within arm's reach of the children during mealtime as required.

Recited on 1/28/2026