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Date: 4/8/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-25590

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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.
04/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	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	1-year-olds-Far Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2-year-olds-Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3-year-olds-Middle	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	20	C	Centers
Main	Afterschoolers-Far Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	8	NC	12	C	Centers
Main	Infants-Left	Infants	2	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 66							
Total # Children this Date: 40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 66							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	48	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	9	13	13	12	0	10

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous rule violations

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

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and secure the dress up shelf in the Afterschoolers (far right) classroom to ensure it is secure and prevent a tipping hazard. Also discussed to monitor stacking toys and objects on top of cabinets and shelves and ensure they are stable and secure to prevent tipping hazards from becoming present.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor the small white plastic storage cabinets in the three-year-old classroom (middle) and ensure they are wiped down/cleaned regularly to prevent dust and dirt build up. Also discussed to monitor the soft blue bench pad in the three-year-old classroom and wash or clean to prevent and remove stains.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

Corrected on 4/8/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected in that no hazards were observed to be accessible to children. Please continue to monitor the storage of baby wipes and empty plastic bags to ensure they are not accessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the wall in next to the toilet in the one-year-old (far left) classroom bathroom, where the wall is chipping and developing cracks and exposed insulation. Also discussed to monitor trash can lids and ensure they are wiped down and cleaned daily to prevent dirt and residue from developing.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Corrected on 4/8/2025

.26(6) - Correction of the previous citation in that the blue structure was observed to be removed from the playground.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the plastic dome window on the large slide/climber where the plastic has become cracked.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Consultant discussed with staff and Director to monitor and ensure infant feeding plans are updated regularly, as meal/ feeding habits change. Best practice is to update feeding plans every three months.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the adverse action portion of medication forms are fully documented.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

Safety

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.11(1) - Consultant discussed with staff and Director to ensure time out is not used for children under the age of three-years-old and children are only placed in time-out one minute per their year of age.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

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)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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 staff discussion that the infant crib sheets are washed weekly rather than daily as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2025

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.