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Date: 8/18/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:15 AM Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-54914

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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.
08/18/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/11/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/16/2025	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	A-1L-PreK	GA PreK	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-2L- Primary	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- Rear Middle-3's	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-3R-2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Music
Main	E-2R - Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F-1R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play,Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 53

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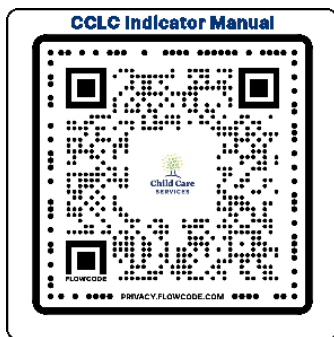
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (3-12YEARS)	124	C
Main	PLAYGROUND A	35	C
Main	Playground B	46	C

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
4	25	11	0	20	0

Comments

Consultant discussed the report and addressed any questions or concerns.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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 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 on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the Director to ensure that the child sized red chairs in the infant classroom was free of any rips or tears.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Defer

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all bathroom cleaning tools to be removed and all items that are hazardous or labeled keep out of reach of children, were locked away or inaccessible to children during the time of the visit.

Defer

591-1-1-.25(3)- The previous citation was deferred on this date. Consultant observed the center's ongoing progress in repairs to the walls for chipped paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2026

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

Defer

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed with the Director to ensure that the swing have 6 inches of mulch it the correct fall zones, such as 6 feet out on each side of the swing.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2026

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)- The previous citation was deferred on this date. The Consultant observed the center' ongoing progress in repairs to the play structures on the playground, such as, chipped or peeling paint on the play structure and exposed concrete edges near the right side of the (3-12 YEARS) playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.17(7) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed children that washed their hands as required and also the staff remind the children to was their hands after the bathroom.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that the infant room had four cribs present when seven children were enrolled who required a crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.30(1)(b)1 - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed mats to be replaced with cots in good repair on this date.

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 two children, 12-months of age and not walking on their own, used a crib mattress with a sheet on the floor during nap when cribs were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026

Recited on 8/18/2026

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 two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all staff members employed to have a completed pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a pediatric first aid training.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.14(2)(b) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed each classroom to have a staff present with children to have a completed pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Corrected on 8/18/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the staff missing evidence of their 10-hour Health and Safety training was no longer employed at the center.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)- The previous citation was deferred on this date. Staff annual training will be inspected at the next Licensing Study.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

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)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.