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Date: 11/7/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

CCLC-35528

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
11/07/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/07/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	Licensing Study	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-infants-1 yr	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
MAIN	B-1 & 2 yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
MAIN	C - Infants		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
MAIN	D-PreK (4+)	GA PreK	1	16	C	29	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
MAIN	E-3+	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 35		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
MAIN	A-Left	41	C
MAIN	B-Back	73	C

Comments

An incident Investigation Follow Up visit was conducted and completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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:

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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed on this date. The Consultant observed the previous children's records and all required enrollment information had been updated in each file.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.25(12) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The large red and black fan located on Main A-Left Playground had been removed.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The paint scraper tool had been removed from the classroom, and no other potentially hazardous equipment was observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The air vent in Main B-1 & 2 yrs had been cleaned and was free of dirt and dust.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The hard plastic play refrigerator had been removed from the playground, and the yellow and green car structure had been repainted.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 11/7/2025

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Both playgrounds had been cleared of sticks and pine cones.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025****Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.10(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Diapering areas were free of any potentially hazardous materials and were stored in locked cabinets or on higher shelving.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025****Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The previous staff members had successfully completed First Aid and CPR training as required by the Department.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025****Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All current staff members had evidence of Initial Center Orientation on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All current staff members had obtained the required Health and Safety Training as required by the Department.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025**Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.33(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The cook for the Center had evidence of having completed two hours of food preparation training as required by the Department.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**Corrected on 11/7/2025**

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff members had evidence of having completed ten hours of diverse annual training as required by the Department.