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Date: 10/20/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-231

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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.
10/20/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/30/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/22/2025	Incident Investigation 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
Bldg 1	#1-Right Hallway end-Front Room	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 1	#2-Right Hallway end-Back Room	GA PreK	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Bldg 1	#3-Left Hallway-1st Right Room	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	#4-Left Hallway end-Back Room	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg 1	#5-Left Hallway end-Front Room	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	# 6 Left side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	#7-Right Side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Left side	131	C
Bldg 1	Right Front	50	C

Comments

LSIS McDonald discussed the change in weather with the provider and also addressed the fall zone on the playgrounds.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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@decgal.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:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Corrected on 10/20/2025

.06(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Building #2 was closed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the following bathroom exhaust fans had a visible build up of dust, preventing the control of odors and adequate ventilation:

Bldg 1-#1-Right Hallway end-Front Room

Bldg 1 #2-Right Hallway end-Back Room

Bldg 1 #3-Left Hallway-1st Right Room

Bldg 1 #4- Left Hallway end-Back Room

Bldg 1 #5-Left hallway end-Front Room

Bldg 2-#6-Left side and #7-Right side

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the exhaust fans in each of the bathrooms listed are cleaned and well maintained as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2025

Recited on 10/20/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Corrected on 10/20/2025

.25(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Building #2 was closed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Corrected on 10/20/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Building #2 was also closed on this date.

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 equipment posed a safety hazard to children in care:

- Bldg 1 Left side playground - the two slides with the yellow steps had visible chipped paint.
- Bldg 1 Right side playground - the slide with the yellow steps had visible chipped paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the outdoor play equipment is regularly maintained and free of hazards as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Recited on 10/20/2025