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Date: 10/29/2025 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up

Arrival: 12:10 PM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

CCLC-66635

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/29/2025	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	Initial 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	B1 -2 year old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2 -2 year old	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Breakfast
Main	Rm A 6w to 12m		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm C-young 2's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm D-Older/young Afterschoolers	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Br eakfast,Centers
Main	Rm E-storage		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm- F 3's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm G -3's &4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Circle Time
Main	Rm H - Pre K	GA PreK	2	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm- I : 9-12 older Afterschool		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm J- 3's		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm K-6w-6mths	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,F loor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infants/Toddlers	38	C
Main	C: Left Back	116	C
Main	playground B -3's &4's	47	C

Comments

The final license was not issued on this date due to outstanding citations. A follow-up visit will be conducted. The following rooms are not in use: room C1,D, E, F, H, I and J. Consultant discussed the following items with the director: transportation, supervision and playground safety.

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 ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.12(2) - It was determined based on observation new chairs were added in room C,G and J. The following hazards in room D were removed, dust pan, toilet brush, and the light replaced, room F dust was removed, the black rubber was attached to the wall near the door and room H toilet was fixed and the floors were cleaned.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation rust on the chair stoppers in room D and room F, four of six fluorescent ceiling light fixtures lacked a cover to catch glass if it shatter.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The rust will be remove from the chair stoppers and a cover placed over ceiling light fixtures.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure a lock/latch is added to the black cabinet in room K to prevent toddler from pulling non hazardous items out.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.12(5) - The previous citation was corrected new chairs were added in room C and room G tables were lowered to accommodate the chairs.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation the chairs in room H were not age appropriate for the school age students being served, the chairs were too small.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.12(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date: Room A added dramatic play, musical instruments and science, room B added dramatic play (dolls), room D added accessories to the doll house, art materials, musical instruments and science, room I and K added art materials, dramatic play, musical instruments, science, books, manipulatives and blocks.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) - Please ensure art materials are added in room A, C and F.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) - Please ensure room B1 is setup with new furniture and toys/equipment.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 2**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on observation during the reviewing of files, (1) one of t (2) two files reviewed lacked both parents work address and name plus telephone number of the child primary source of health care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Facility

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies and ensure toilet brush and plungers are inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.06(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. All exhaust fans were operating properly in the bathrooms.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure restrooms in rooms not being used is cleaned daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

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)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.25(3) - Previous citation was corrected on this date, the air condition was working on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure the rust on the back of bathroom hook is removed.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.25(6) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Bags were added to provide storage in room B2 and H.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based observation, the following hazards were observed on playground B: rust spots on fencing and a two to three inch gap at the right from gate. Playground C fencing measured at three feet eight inches due to erosion of soil over the years and screw protrusion observed on the fence corner polls and gate polls on playground B and C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025

Recited on 10/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.26(6) - Previous citation was corrected on this date, the rust was removed from the blue and yellow structure, trike structure was removed and purple see saw was painted.

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 the following hazards on equipment on playground C:

- Chipped paint on the red fire truck and red jungle gym.
- Red fire truck unanchored.
- Tunnel on playground A stained with dirt debris and chipped paint on red train.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.26(8) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. The required amount of mulch was added under and in the fall zone of the red monkey climber.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the following hazards:

- Pile of mulch in the equipment area on playground B and C.
- Large nails protruding from borders used to enclosed the mulch on playground C.

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: 11/14/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the following hazards:

On playground A, B, and C :

Uneven surfacing between the hard and soft surfacing creating a tripping hazard (grounds/sideway) basketball court and the ground.

Exposed tree roots on playground A, B, and C.

Playground B and C hanging tree limbs.

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: 11/28/2025

Recited on 10/29/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.10(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

Corrected on 10/29/2025

.10(4) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. All previous diaper changing pads were replaced.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation food utensils, two adult coffee cups and zip lock bag with sweeteners in the sink area used for diapering. in room K.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms were discussed with the director.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure all assigned cribs has a tight-fitting sheet . Consultant observed two of three mattresses lacked a tight-fitting sheet, this was prior to nap time. The sheets were changed immediately.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure mats are inaccessible to children. The cover being used will be long enough to enclosed all cots/mats.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children at the previous visit. No new staff hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training at previous 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)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Finding

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, mealtime, nap time, 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, the director left the door to the infant room open several times and a child briefly walked out of the supervised area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. The director will promptly closed the door behind her when she enters the infant room.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2025