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Date: 4/9/2026

VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-57606

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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.
04/09/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
12/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

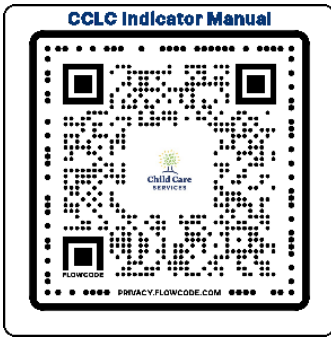
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1L - 1's and 2's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1R - School Age	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	TV,Free Play
Main	2L - Older 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R - Infant and 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3R - 3's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back - School Age	41	C
Main	Left - 1's and 2's	18	C
Main	Right - Infants and 1's	8	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	8	11	5	6	0	18

Comments

The CCS Consultant left Chop, Look, and Listen materials with the program today.



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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that there were no current lesson plans for 3 of 3 operating classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.12(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Furniture and equipment was observed secured.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Facility

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.25(11) - This citation was corrected on this date. Bathroom flooring was observed to be clean and repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards were observed:

2R - Infants and 1's:

- There was a staff bag on a shelf next to the refrigerator.
- There was an unlocked cabinet under the diapering table with Desitin diapering cream, hand sanitizer, and unlabeled bottles containing liquid.

3R - 3's:

- There were plastic grocery bags in the children's cubbies.

2L - Older 2's:

- There was a bottle of hand sanitizer on top of the puzzles.
- There was a box of gloves on a shelf next to the bathroom.
- There was a cord on the shelf next to the puzzles.

1L - 1's and 2's:

- There was an unlocked cabinet under the diapering table with packs of diapers and wipes.
- There were empty ziploc bags in the children's cubbies.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that baseboards are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there were electrical cords hanging over the diapering table.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

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 (4) 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 on observation that the left side of the fence on the Back playground measured between 3 feet 10 inches when 4 feet was required. It was further determined that there was a 4 inch gap at the bottom right fence.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment does not have chipping paint.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. The playground was free of potential hazards.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that children do not have pacifier straps attached to their clothing.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.17(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper handwashing was discussed on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.21(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. Emergency drills were observed to be conducted for 2026 as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

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 observation that crib sheets were changed once a week.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that there was a bib hanging on a crib with a sleeping infant.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots or mats stored in the classroom are covered.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.09(1)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. Current and satisfactory records checks were observed for all staff.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. Current and satisfactory records checks were observed for all staff.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.14(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have 1st aid/CPR training within the first 45 days of hire as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on a review of records that there was not at least one Staff present in the 2L classroom with 1st aid/CPR training.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 hired on April 28, 2025 did not have evidence of having completed Health and Safety Orientation.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Recited on 4/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.33(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Nutrition training was observed for the center Director and cook.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Corrected on 4/9/2026

.33(5)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. Two of three previously cited staff were no longer employed. One of three staff were observed to have 11 hours of annual training for 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)

Not Met

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, mealtimes, naptime, 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 that upon the Consultants arrival that a school-aged student who was related to the center Director walked to the entrance door and opened it.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026