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Date: 8/20/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM
Study

CCLC-51647

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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.
08/20/2026	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/09/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/05/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 - 6mths - 12mths	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,F eeding,Floor Play
Main	B- 1 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	C- 3 yr olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	24	C	Free Play
Main	D-1 yr olds	One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E - 4 year olds	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	17	C	24	C	Outside
Main	F	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ou tside
Main	G-School Agers	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning,Ou tside
Main	H- 3 yr olds	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	26	C	Outside
Main	I-1 yr olds	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	J- 2 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	K- 6wks - 12 mths	Infants	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap,F eeding,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 227							
Total # Children this Date: 136			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 227				

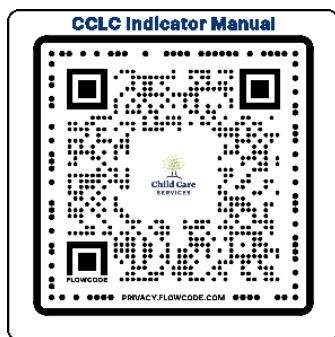
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (front left) 6wks- 2 yrs	41	C
Main	Playground B (Back left) 4 and up	155	C
Main	Playground C (Back Right) 3 yrs	67	C
Main	Playground D (Middle Right) 2 yrs	23	C
Main	Playground E (front right) 6wks - 1 yr	29	C

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
24	83	76	20	0	0

Comments

Licensing study completed on August 20, 2026.

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.dec.state.ga.us/ChildCare/ChildCareServices/RuleAndRegulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/>

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please continue to monitor the classrooms to ensure all classrooms have lesson plans available.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

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

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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) Not Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 listed classrooms had the following hazardous items accessible to children in care:

C- Baby wipes and diapers in plastic bags were in the restroom.

F- Baby wipes and plastic grocery bags were in the restroom.

G- in a storage drawer there were staples, batteries and staplers.

H- Baby wipes and diapers in plastic bags were in the restroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following doors needed to be repaired:

B- the entrance door to the classroom would not close all the way.

H- the door leading to the playground would not close all the way.

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. Doors need to be repaired to close properly

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please monitor the metal fencing around the AC unit on the right side playground to ensure it is flush with the ground.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

Finding

591-1-1-.18(2) requires the Center to have a designated space for food preparation separate from rooms used by children and in an area not used for diaper changing. The area shall be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Food preparation surface areas shall be nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams. It was determined based on observation that under the metal table with the can opener and on the wall behind it there was an accumulation of dirt, food particles and grease deposits that needed to be cleaned.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a separate food preparation area is provided that meets the requirements. If needed, the area will be cleaned and cracks and seams will be sealed.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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 in classroom K 1st right there was one crib sheet that was not tight fitting and loose with an infant occupying the crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #19 had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination that expired on August 18, 2026. The staff was present at the center working on August 20, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review Koala account to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will review Koala account to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #19 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that expired on August 18, 2026. The staff member was present on August 20, 2026, working.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch videos to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review koala account to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

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 on this date.

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.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Corrected on 8/20/2026

.15(9) - Correction observed on this date. All classrooms that have children with allergies had a posted sign with the children;s allergy listed and staff are informed when they enter the classroom about allergies.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Corrected on 8/20/2026

.07(4) - Correction observed on this date. Staff will follow children's emergency medical care plan and call 911 when needed.