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Date: 2/2/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-13781
SLCM Child Development Center
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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.
02/02/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	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-2L		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-2R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D-1R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Downstairs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-6 wks-12 yrs	44	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	4	4	7	6	0	6

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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.decalkoala.com/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@decalkoala.com 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom C- 2R

-There was a set of stacked chair at the middle left of the classroom which posed a potential tipping hazard on this date.

Classroom E- Downstairs

-There was an unsecured section of drywall leaning vertically against the back middle wall which posed a potential tipping hazards on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Recited on 2/2/2026

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

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

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 accessible to children on this date:

Main B- 1L

- There was a pack of Pascal sensitive wipes in the cubbies at the front right of the classroom.
- There was a plastic grocery bag on top of a shelf at the back right of the classroom.

Main E- Downstairs

- There was a pack of Bactive wipes on a shelf located at the back left of the classroom.
- There was a dust pan in an unlocked cabinet below the handwashing sink located at the front left of the classroom.
- There were three packs of assorted brand wipes, two aerosol cans of Lysol Disinfectant spray To-Go, and several plastic grocery bags inside the children's cubbies at the front right of the classroom.

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: 2/3/2026

Recited on 2/2/2026

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the exhaust fans in the boys and girls bathroom inside classroom E- Downstairs is in working order as required. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that missing ceiling tiles are replaced.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2026

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 areas were not in good repair on this date:

Classroom E- Downstairs

- There were four protruding toilet bolts at the base of both toilets in the girls bathroom.
- There were four protruding toilet bolts at the base of both toilets in the boys bathroom.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Recited on 2/2/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.25(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any electrical hazards on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.15(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have baby bottles with first and last names as required on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.18(10) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any trash cans without lids on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any children with pacifier clips attached to their clothing on this date.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of handwashing procedure on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(b) requires the Director of a Center responsible for its day-to-day operations to have completed a 40-hour director's training course that has been approved by the Department. At a minimum, the subject matter taught at a Director's training course shall cover the areas of administrator competencies that serve as a framework for professional development, which include, but are not limited to, early learning standards, business management, communication, developmentally appropriate practices, professional and leadership development, and advocacy for the Center, Parents, children and Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 1, hired on August 29, 2017, did not have evidence of completing the 40-hour director's training course on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Prior to licensure, the Child Care Learning Center Director will obtain the required 40-hour director's training or will hire a director with the required 40-hour director's training to run the day-to-day operations of the Child Care Learning Center.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Recited on 2/2/2026

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 4, hired July 24, 2023, did not have a current First Aid and CPR certification on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2026

Recited on 2/2/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.32(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to maintain appropriate Staff:child ratios on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe children under three years old to be housed with older children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/2/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed adequate supervision of children on this date.