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Date: 2/18/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-889

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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.
02/18/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
02/04/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient	
12/11/2025	Complaint 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
Main	1st Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	13	NC	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Back Left	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	22	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Back Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Middle	Two Year Olds	1	12	NC	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 73

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Comments

The Consultant was unable to close the report on site due to the Director was not present at the time of the visit and investigation.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/04/2026



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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Corrected on 2/18/2026

.12(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the storage cabinets located in the Back Left Classroom, the Back Right Classroom, and in the area between the 1st Left Classroom and the Middle Classroom to be properly secured on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

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 children's bathroom in the 1st Left Classroom did not have a functioning exhaust fan.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

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 hazards were accessible to children:

1st Left Classroom:

- A pack of Huggies diaper wipes on the floor of the children's bathroom.
- A toilet plunger in the left corner of the children's bathroom.

Back Left Classroom:

- An open staff back pack on the metal shelf against the front wall of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Corrected on 2/18/2026

.25(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the unused electrical outlets to have protective caps in the Middle Classroom and in the Back Left Classroom on this date.

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 three out of three bolts were protruding more than two threads on the entrance of the gate door on the Front Right Playground. It was further determined that the wooden fencing was leaning and not properly secured along the right side of the Front Right Playground and the Back Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

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 blue rails leading to the yellow slide had chipping paint on the Front Right Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the resilient surfacing measured one inch when six inches was required in the fall zones surrounding the large play structure on the Back Playground. It was further determined that the resilient surfacing measured one inch when six inches was required for two out of two swings on the Back Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

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 that there were three large bolts protruding from the black barrier on the right side of the play structure on the Back Playground causing a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined that there was an exposed wire accessible to children hanging from a utility box on front brick side of the Back Playground leading to the Front Right Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Corrected on 2/18/2026

.10(9) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe bibs and toys used for children store on the area used for diapering in the 2nd Right Classroom on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation that the following notices were not posted: Parental Access Statement and the Center Evaluation Report.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2026

Corrected on 2/18/2026

.36(4)(f)2. - Previous citation was observed to be corrected in that center staff stated that the bus capacity for vehicle tag number SKJ3491 was properly maintained during afternoon transportation routes. Center staff confirmed that two loads are conducted when transporting children in the afternoon on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2026

Corrected on 2/18/2026

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed complete documentation of the transportation checklists on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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 a 5-month old infant who was unable to easily turn over from back to front and back again was positioned on their stomach while sleeping in a crib in the 1st Right Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Staff Records

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 member #12 who was hired on August 18, 2025 did not have First Aid and CPR training within the 45 days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

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 #3 with hire date July 9, 2025, staff #4 with hire date September 22, 2025, and staff #10 with hire date April 24, 2025 did not have the required 10 hours of Health and Safety training.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that four lead teachers did not have a required lead teacher credential or education plan on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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 a staff member failed to provide adequate supervision when the staff member in the 1st Left Classroom was responsible for two separate physical areas for less than five minutes during nap time in the Back Left Classroom. It was further determined that two 4-year-old children were unsupervised when the children walked from the Back Left Classroom and through the Back Right Classroom to the children's bathroom in the Middle Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2026

Recited on 2/18/2026