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Date: 11/18/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-48377

Childcare Network #309

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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.
11/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/09/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/20/2025	Complaint Closure	Deficient	

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 1R/Right side	Infants	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B 2R/Right side	Infants	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C 1L/Right side	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 2L/Right side		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 3L/Right side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F 4L/Right side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	G 1L/Left side	GA PreK	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 2L/Left side	GA PreK	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I 3L/Left side	GA PreK	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J 4L/Left side	GA PreK	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K 1R/Left side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 2R/Left side	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M 3R/Left side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	N 4R/Left side		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 87			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	3 yrs.& school age	46	C
Main	Infant/Toddler	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	12	18	16	15	0	12

Comments

Consultant discussed the new rule changes as of July 1, 2025.

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.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed with the Director to ensure staff update their lesson plans weekly.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.03(9) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff properly handling children present at the time of the visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the Director to monitor the plush equipment for any rips or tears.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained 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 classroom H 2L/Left side had a green bucket in the bathroom that contained loose plastic bags, bug repellent, sun screen lotion and baby wipes, labeled keep out of reach of children, accessible to children.

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: 11/18/2025

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

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

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Infant feeding plans observed completed and updated.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Discussed with the Director to ensure staff keep exhaust vents on during and after diaper changes.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.29(3) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center submitted a required report due to child's injury as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

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-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff annual training for 2024.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed with the Director to be sure all staff has a completed Orientation with signatures from staff and management personnel.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Comment

Health and Safety Orientation Training completed as required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Discussed with the Director to be sure all personnel handling meals have a Nutrition Training on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all doors to be locked and staff conducting name to face as they transitioned outside of the classroom.