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**Date:** 8/4/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

**CCLC-28424**
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 08/04/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 05/05/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 09/23/2025 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |

**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.

Data retrieval failed for the subreport, 'RatioCapacity', located at: Koala.Reports.Visits.RDLC.RatioCapacity.rdlc.

**Comments**
Children's files, Staff records, emergency drills and other required items, were available for the Consultant to review on this date.

An exit conference discussing the Licensing study visit was conducted with the Director on this date. An email with the Licensing study report attached was sent to the Director for signature on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx.

Compliance at a Glance

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.decal.ga.gov.

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.decal.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.

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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.

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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@decal.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:**

## Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.03 Activities** **Met**

**Comment**
Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

**Comment**
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

**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**
Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**
Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

## Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

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

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

**Comment**
No hazards observed accessible to children 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

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

**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://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx
USDA
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

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

**Comment**
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

## 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**
Visit was conducted during nap time. Proper hand washing of children was discussed with the Staff 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-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**
Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**
Thank you for reporting 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**
The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Staff on this date.

**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)** **N/A**

**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.

Provider does not care for infant children at this time.

## Staff Records

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

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Criminal records 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 observation that Staff Member #5 who was hired on May 4, 2026, had not completed a certified CPR and First Aid training within the first 45 days of hire.

**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: 8/4/2026**

**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 observation that in the Front Classroom, Staff Member #5 who was hired on May 4, 2026, had not completed a certified CPR and First Aid training and was the only staff person present in the classroom at the time of this visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026**

**Recited on 8/4/2026**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Defer**

**Defer**
591-1-1-.33(5)(a)-This citation will be deferred until next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026**

**Defer**
591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)-This citation will be deferred until next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/4/2026**

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.