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Date: 10/22/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:50 AM **Departure:** 10:40 AM

CCLC-39820

The Children's Courtyard

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
10/22/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/24/2025	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-Front Middle	Infants	1	1	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-Front Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D-3rd Left	One Year Olds	1	2	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E-4th Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-Back Left Side	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	G-Back Middle	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H-Front Right	GA PreK	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	I-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J-2nd Middle		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 31

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Front Left	33	C
Main	Plgd-Front Right	10	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Left	29	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Right	51	C

Comments

The investigation was not concluded on this date.

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2025

Corrected on 10/22/2025

.06(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the girls bathroom in Main J-2nd Middle to be clean.

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

Not Met

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 in classroom J-2nd Middle had the following hazardous items:

*Bleach gallon in an unlocked cabinet over the sink

*White toilet brush in the girls bathroom

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: 10/22/2025

Recited on 10/22/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2025

Corrected on 10/22/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed current transportation training records for staff #4 and staff #9 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2025

Corrected on 10/22/2025

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed records with the pick up and drop off location notated on the transportation authorization forms.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2025

Corrected on 10/22/2025

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed records of the two children with completed emergency medical information on this date.

Staff Records

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.14(1)- The previous citation has a correction deadline of 10/25/2025.

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: 10/25/2025

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(1) - Please ensure to maintain ratio in all classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Not Met

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 staff did not sit within arms reach of two 1-year-old children in Main D-3rd Left classroom during mealtime as required. The staff was observed standing at a counter adjacent to the table where the children were seated. Additionally, staff did not sit within arms reach of three 2-year-old children in Main F-Back Left Side classroom during meal time as required. The staff was observed walking around the classroom engaged with children that were up.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025