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Date: 7/20/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:15 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-37427

Childcare Network #101

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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.
07/20/2026	Licensing Study	Support	
03/05/2026	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/05/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	

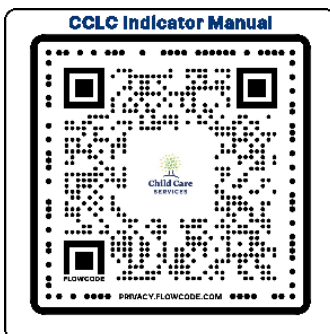
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Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

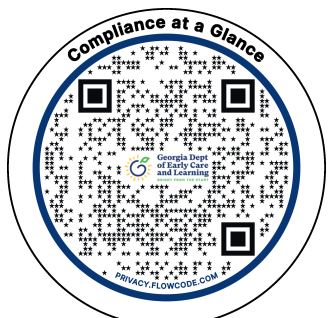
A plan of improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by August 3, 2026. The plan will need to include the date of correction, how the citation was corrected and will be maintained going forward.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/03/2026



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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



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.dec.al.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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that current lesson plans are posted and dated for each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026
.03(8) Citation corrected.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the 3rd Left Classroom needs reading materials for the enrolled children by July 24, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that parents are signing the children in and out as required. The infant classroom had three children and only one signed in. The form provided later had all three signed in and the director stated that she had parents come back and sign the children in.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Facility

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026
.06(7) - Citation corrected.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 the following items were in need of being cleaned or repaired:

2nd Left Classroom:

the area rugs were observed to be stained
bolts on the bottoms of the toilets was over two threads
toilet bowl cover was cracked at the edge

3rd Left Classroom:

area rugs were observed to be stained
paint on the wall was chipping to the right of the exit door to the playground

4th Left Classroom:

blue area rug was stained
paint on the wall was observed to be chipping on the far back side to the left of the playground door
bolt on the bottom of the bathroom toilet was over two threads
ceiling tiles were stained between the restrooms

3rd Right Classroom:

area rugs were observed to be stained
two ceiling tiles were observed to be stained

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2026

Recited on 7/20/2026

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 the shade over the swings on the right side was covered in moss and in need of being cleaned and had a small tear at the top right corner. It was further determined that the concrete was not flush on the playgrounds posing a tripping hazard to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2026

Recited on 7/20/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(10) requires that portions of food or drink which are served to children or placed on the table for service and are not consumed at that meal or snack by the children to whom the portions are served shall be thrown away. Any formula or breast milk remaining one hour from the beginning of the feeding shall be discarded or returned to Parent(s). It was determined based on observation that three jugs of milk expired on July 19,2026 where still in the refrigerator. It was further detained that jug of milk with the date July 19, 2026, had been used for breakfast.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st Left Classroom and infant was placed in the floor with a bottle and not provided a feeding chair.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026
.18(8) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that items in the freezer were outside the original container and not labeled as to their contents.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026
.18(9) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diapering station in the 3rd Left Classroom two small tears were present on the diapering pad.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2026

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Left Classroom a child came in for the day and was not required to wash hands. It was further determined that in the 4th Left Classroom two children came in for the day and were not required to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026**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****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that a review of the emergency plan needs to be conducted every six months.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2026**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026**Corrected on 7/20/2026**

.36(4)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2026**Corrected on 7/20/2026**

.36(7)(c)3. - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

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) **Met**

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.14(1)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.14(2)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that staff members in classrooms need to know the true ages of children present in the class.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

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 in the 1st Left Classroom an infant was placed on the floor with a bottle and the staff member was at the diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026

Recited on 7/20/2026