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Date: 2/27/2026 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 10:40 AM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-33218

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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.
02/27/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
11/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

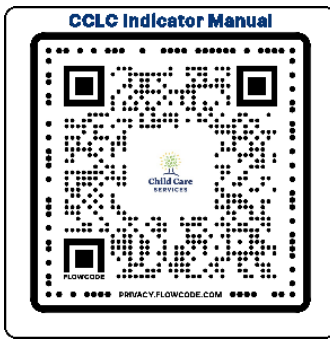
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building II	A - First Left - Toddlers		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building II	B - Center - Preschool		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building II	C - First Right - Infants		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building II	D - Second Right - One's		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building II	E -Back - Toddlers		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A: 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B: 2R Back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	C: 1L	Three Year Olds	1	1	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D: 2L Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Back	85	C
Main	PG B Right	30	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a compliant investigation and follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/13/2026



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.decal.ga.gov/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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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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 the bathroom vents were not operable in room D 2L building I left bathroom and in room E-Back building II.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.25(12) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe a portable fan in use 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 the following hazards were observed:

D 2L Back:

-There were cleaning supplies in an unlocked utility closet near the bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

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 based on observation that all parts of the center were not clean in good repair. The blue carpet at the entrance and hallways of building had brown stains. Floor tiles were missing at the entry door to the school age room. There were white stains on the brown cabinet doors in the school age room. There was rust on the metal paper towel holders in the bathrooms of 2 L Back classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the fence to be repaired on this date.

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 there was chipping paint on the orange merry-go-round and chipping paint on the yellow play house.

- On the school age playground there was chipping paint on top and inside of the green tunnel/car and the yellow school bus.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

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 there was a bare surface beneath and in the fall zone of the blue arch climber on the school age playground when at least 3 inches of resilient surface were required.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

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 the lattice on the bottom of the deck of the toddler playground was broken and cracked in several places. In addition, the lattice door to the crawl space beneath the deck was not locked.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the exhaust fan to be operable on this date.

Not Met

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that all of the seats were heavily stained in the van with license plate CKF 2007. Additionally, on the van with license plate PDR 1358 the arm rest on the second row of seat's protective cushion was missing, leaving the metal bar exposed and several seat belts were inoperable. In addition, the left exit door on the van would not open.

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed an operable fire extinguisher on this date.

Not Met

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that nine out of 10 crib mattresses were not firm in B: 2R Back classroom. The mattresses had a spongy texture.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.14(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed records indicating Staff #18 to obtain a current completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed Staff #2 employment application on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed staff records health and safety training was completed by Staff #9 and Staff #1 was no longer employed.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.33(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed Staff #8 to have completed four clock hours of food and nutrition training.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)-Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records staff # 9 did not have written verification of qualifications on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026