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Date: 6/17/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-3947

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Quality Rated: No

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.
06/17/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/26/2025	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
Main	120 Fern	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	122 Virginia Creeper	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	124 Primrose	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	126 Lily	One Year Olds	3	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	132 Holly	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	134 Mulberry		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	144 Red Bud	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	146 Dogwood	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	152 Maple	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	164 Willow	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	166 Laurel	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	176 redwood		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	178 Silver Bells	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	180 Birch	Four Year Olds	3	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	182 Chesnut	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	186 Elm	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	188 Hickory	Four Year Olds	3	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	192 Oak	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	194 Cypress	Three Year Olds	3	120	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Piazza 121-Infant		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Main	Piazza 151-Toddler II	0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Piazza Preschool	0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Piazza Toddler I	0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 271 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

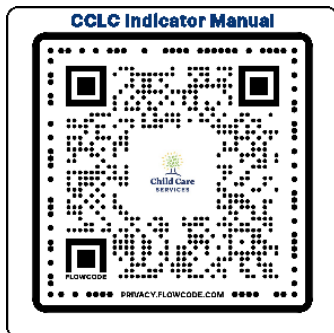
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG1-preschool/sa	46	C
Main	PG2-toddler	57	C
Main	PG3-toddler	23	C
Main	PG4-Infant/young toddler	43	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
44	32	53	43	31	0	0

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Assistant Director on this day.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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

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@decal.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

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

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.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation a fan was accessible to children in classroom 164 and portable air conditioner was accessible to children in classroom 166.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface (sand). Please fluff and redistribute.

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 there were exposed tree roots at the top of the green slide on the upper hill of PG2 playground, creating a potential tripping hazard and there was a piece of exposed concrete with a sharp pointed edge near the tire swing. In addition, there were mushrooms on the right side of the this playground.

PG1 Playground- There was a large exposed rock on the right side of the hill to the lower playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Food Service**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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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 [5] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center on this date.

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.