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Date: 3/9/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:30 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-1843

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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.
03/09/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/05/2026	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/05/2026	Complaint Closure	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	1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Caeteria		0	0	C	78	C	NA	NA	
Main	Lirbary (Third Floor)		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Media Room (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room 1 (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room 1 (Second Floor)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2 (Second Floor)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2 (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room 3 (Third Floor)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	31	C	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 280

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 289

Total # Children this Date: 87

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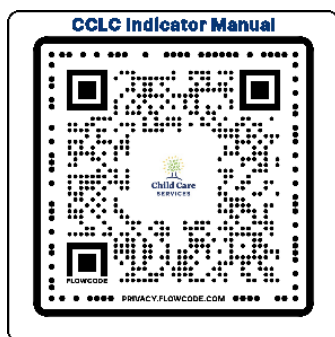
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Left	4	C
Main	Front left	8	C
Main	Large Left	36	C
Main	Right	48	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was a follow-up.

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the safety latches need to be used when children are placed in equipment with the latches.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Facility

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

Cafeteria:

mop by the trash can

glass cleaner and trash bags on a table

2nd Right:

broom by diapering station

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: 3/9/2026

Recited on 3/9/2026

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

Not Met

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 on the large playground sweet gum balls were present throughout.

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: 3/16/2026

Recited on 3/9/2026

Food Service

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.15(1) Citation corrected.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the USDA guidelines need to be met and outside meals if brought to the parent should also meet the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st Right Classroom sausage patties were cut in half and exceeded 1/2 inch in size.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.15(6)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.10(2) - Citation corrected.

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 1st Right Classroom three children were observed to come in for the day and not wash hands. It was further determined the children in the 1st Right Classroom were seated for breakfast and no children were required to wash hands.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.17(8) - Citation corrected.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026
.16(c)2 - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center added a playground with no amendment submitted to the department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Recited on 3/9/2026

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.21(1)(r) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.30(1)(a)2 - Citation corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2026

Corrected on 3/9/2026

.32(1) - Citation corrected.

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 Right Classroom a 1-year-old was sitting at the table eating and staff were gathering other children for breakfast and getting them seated. It was further determined that in the 2nd Right Class that 2-year-old children were eating and the staff member was not seated and was standing behind the children.

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: 3/9/2026

Recited on 3/9/2026

