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Date: 5/26/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM Departure: 1:55 PM

CCLC-3224

ABC Child Development Center

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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.
05/26/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/15/2025	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	A-Right Hall-1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap, Outside
Main	B-Right Hall-2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Free Play
Main	C-Right Hall-1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	21	C	Transitioning, Lunch, Outside, Nap
Main	D-Left Hall-1st Right	Four Year Olds	4	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Outside, Lunch
Main	E-Left Hall-2nd Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	C	51	C	71	C	Lunch, Outside, Transitioning
Main	F-(EHS)-Left Hall-2nd Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-(EHS)-Left Hall-3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside, Lunch, Nap, Transitioning
Main	H-(EHS)-Left Hall-4th Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	17	C	Outside, Lunch, Transitioning, Nap
Main	I-Left Hall-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 158					
Total # Children this Date: 70					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 158					

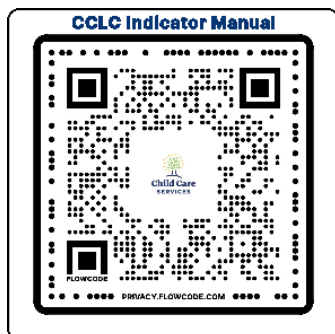
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG-1 (Toddlers)	33	C
Main	PG-2 (3+)	55	C
Main	PG-3 (3-5)	49	C
Main	PG-4 (Infants)	10	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	15	22	22	9	8	33

Comments

The Consultant discussed the Licensing Study findings with the Center Director and emailed a copy via Docusign.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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!



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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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of child records that the following information was missing:

---Child 4 was missing the parent work address and allergies.

---Child 5 was missing allergies.

---Child 6 was missing the father's employment information.

---Child 9 was missing the father's name, address, employment information, and a phone number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on child head count and sign in and sign out sheets that 63 children were signed in and 70 children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

	Facility
591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
Comment Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.	
591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
Comment Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The Consultant observed 70 children present on this day.	
591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.	
591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
Technical Assistance 591-1-1-.26(4) - The Center Director will ensure that all bolts facing inward on all playgrounds are cut to no longer than 2 threads in length or recapped.	
Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026	

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 a square piece of cement was protruding from the ground and uneven on 1 of 4 corners of the black chain link fence on playground 3 causing a potential tripping hazard.

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: 5/26/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****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 food in the following classrooms were not cut into pieces to prevent choking as required..

---Green beans, soft tortilla shell, and chicken was not cut into a half inch size for 1 1-year-old and 9 2-year-old children in classroom A.

---Green beans, soft tortilla shell, and chicken was not cut into a half inch size for 4 1-year-old and 2 2-year-old children in classroom B.

---Green beans, soft tortilla shell, and chicken was not cut into a half inch size for 1 1-year-old and 2 2-year-old children in classroom G.

---Green beans, soft tortilla shell, and chicken was not cut into a half inch size for 1 1-year-old child in classroom H.

---Green beans, soft tortilla shell, and chicken was not cut into a quarter inch size for 1 infant and a half inch size for 3 1-year-old children in classroom I.

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: 5/26/2026

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****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.

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.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 45****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 37

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 44

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/15/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 7 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Corrected on 5/26/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on review of staff records that staff # 37 was hired January 28, 2026 and completed 6 hours of health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment where 10 hours are required. Additionally, staff # 44 was hired January 15, 2026 and completed 6 hours of health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment where 10 hours are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2026

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

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.