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Date: 1/29/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:05 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-37886

Childcare Network #251

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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.
01/29/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/17/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/28/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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-1R (114)	Infants	1	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-2L (104)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-2R (113)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-3L (105)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-3R (112)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-4L (106)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-4R (111)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-5L (107)	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J-5R (110)	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K-6L (108)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	L-6R (109)	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 221			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 67			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 221			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	64	C
Main	Plgd-B	51	C
Main	Plgd-C	110	C
Main	Plgd-D	87	C
Main	Plgd-E	22	C

<u>Enrolled Children</u>						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	7	18	19	31	14	25

Comments

The requested documents were reviewed on this date.

The exit conference discussed the monitoring visit that was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decgal.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure classroom 113 has a lesson plan and daily scheduled posted.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observations the sinks in dramatic play in rooms 107 and 113 were not secured posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

The previous citation was corrected on this date. Room 108 did not have any children present.

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 observations that room 107 had a child trapped in the dramatic play kitchen sink posing a hazard.

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: 1/29/2026

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the water stained ceiling tile over arts and crafts in room L-6R(109) is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to add decals on interior and exterior of doors throughout the building and to ensure decals are eye level to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute under all swing sets.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observations that the following gates are in need of repair.

Playground B

*The swimming pool gate entrance had a 5 inch gap at the bottom.

Playground C

* The three linked back gates had a 6 inch gap at the bottom with exposed concrete.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2026

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 observations that the following playgrounds had hazards that were in need of repair.

Playground A

*Tree branches throughout the playground.

Playground B

*The Fourth swing near the back wall was exposing sharp metal on seat.

*Rusted chains throughout swing set.

*Opened sand bags stored in plastic packaging.

*Swimming pool shed had two broken vent panels.

Playground C

* The wooden plank was loose on the second level of the playground equipment.

Playground D

*The screw on the canopy chain on the Fourth swing was loose.

*Rusted chains throughout the swing set.

*Water hose storage.

Playground E

*Splinter wood throughout the swing set.

*Rusted chains throughout the swing set.

*S hooks were not closed throughout the swing set.

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: 2/14/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(1) requires that food be in sound condition, free from spoilage and contamination and safe for human consumption. Eggs, pork, pork products, poultry and fish shall be thoroughly cooked. All raw fruits and vegetables shall be washed thoroughly before being cooked or served. Foods not subject to further washing or cooking before serving shall be stored in such a manner as to be protected against contamination. Meats, poultry, fish, dairy products and processed foods shall have been inspected under an official regulatory program. Hot foods shall be maintained at a temperature of one hundred forty (140) degrees Fahrenheit or above except during serving. Food and drinks shall be prepared as close to serving time as possible to protect children and Personnel from food-borne illness. It was determined based on observations that room 113 had a box of saltine crackers in the girls bathroom on top of grey storage container posing an contamination hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to ensure that food served is in sound condition and free from spoilage and contamination. The director or designated person will monitor the storage and preparation of food to ensure that it is safe for human consumption.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure the Infant room staff cleans under the diaper changing mat.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

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 in room 113 a child did not wash there hands after blowing there nose posing an contamination hazard. Furthermore, during morning dropped off a child entered the classroom without immediate handwashing.

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: 1/29/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observations that the staff member in room 113 did not wash her hands after assisting a child with wiping their nose posing a contamination hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Complete documentation for vehicles tag #DQM483 and tag#DQM481 transportation were observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure seat belts are appropriately aligned for proper restraint.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

The previous citation was corrected on this date. The infant room had fitted sheets in each crib.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided one file for an employee that was hired since the last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.