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Date: 2/3/2026 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-50216

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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.
02/03/2026	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/05/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
10/20/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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- 6wks to 12 months	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	B- 1's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D- GA Pre-K	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	E-1/ 2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-2/2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-1/ 4 and up (AS)	GA PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left Front - 6wks- 12 months	14	C
Main	Playground B - Left Side/ Rear- 1's and 2's	43	C
Main	Playground C - Right Side/Rear/ 3 and up	82	C

Main	Playground D - Right Side/Center Area/ 3 and up	62	C
Main	Playground E-Right Side Front- Water play	28	C

Comments

Consultant discussed the final report and addressed any questions or concerns at the time of the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the Director to be sure sink buckets are placed in the play kitchen areas when then the equipment isn't in use, to ensure the equipment is used appropriately.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

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

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute regularly.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 in classroom A- 6wks to 12 months, staff failed to wash a child's hand upon arrival and after a diaper change.

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: 2/3/2026

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.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

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

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 three files for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed with the Director to ensure staff CPR/First Aid certificates are renewed before the expiration dates to ensure staff stay in compliance with the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

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)**

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.32(2) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed the correct ratio of 1:15 was present in a classroom with two 2-year-olds children, nine 3-year-old children, and one 4-year-old child, a second staff was not required.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation center staff failed to maintain the separation of children under the age of the three with older children. Two 2-year-old children were present in a classroom with nine 3-year-old children and one 4-year-old child at the time of the visit. .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2026

Recited on 2/3/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2025

Corrected on 2/3/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed adequate supervision at the time of the visit.