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Date: 9/17/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM Departure: 12:15 PM

CCLC-502

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/17/2025                  | Licensing Study                | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/09/2025                  | POI Follow Up                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/18/2024                  | Incident Investigation 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   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| Bldg 3                         | 1L Pre K 1        |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Bldg 3                         | 1R Pre K 2        |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52 |                   |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |         |
| Bldg II                        | Room H            |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Bldg II                        | Room I            |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 7                             | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18 |                   |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |         |
| Main                           | Rm C middle rear  |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Main                           | Rm D middle front |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 10                            | C            | NA         | NA           |         |
| Main                           | Rm E Right Rear   | GA PreK   | 2                               | 20       | C    | 18                            | NC           | 25         | C            | Outside |
| Main                           | Rm F Rt front     |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 18                            | C            | 26         | C            |         |
| Main                           | Room A 1st Left   |           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 0                             | C            | 26         | C            |         |
| Main                           | Room B 2nd Left   | GA PreK   | 2                               | 12       | C    | 26                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83 |                   |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |         |
| Total # Children this Date: 32 |                   |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |         |

| Building | Playground          | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG A Left Preschool | 85                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG B rear toddler   | 13                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 1                 | 0       | 2       | 2       | 36      | 0                  | 8                 |

#### **Comments**

Licensing study completed on September 17, 2025. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions." Consultant also reviewed the new rule changes with the center as documented on the visit report as technical assistance.

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.dec.al.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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto: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 Licensing Study:

#### Activities and Equipment

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

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)** N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

#### Children's Records

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records** Met

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

#### 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)** Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please continue to monitor cords in use to ensure they are inaccessible to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please continue to monitor the metal equipment for peeling/chipping paint. Sand and repaint when chipping.

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2025**

**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 on the rear playground there were sticks, pinecones and exposed tree roots posing a 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: 9/17/2025**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please continue to monitor children to ensure they are not wearing necklaces as they pose a choking hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025**

**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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025**

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**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.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 2 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2025**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(2)(a)-(n) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

**Correction Deadline: 9/18/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2025**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.