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Date: 9/23/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-64251

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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.
09/23/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/04/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/04/2025	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	Room A-Infants 1st R	Infants	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room B-2's 2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room C-Infants 3 R	Infants	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room D-1's 4R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E-1's 5 Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F-2's-	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	29	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room G- 7R	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room H-3's1L	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Lunch
Main	Room I-3's 2L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room J-4'sDOWNSTAIRS	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	50	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			224		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1-2 YR PLAYGROUND	20	C

Main	3-4 YR. PLAYGROUND	64	C
Main	INF. PLAYGROUND	12	C
Main	SCHL. AGE PLAYGROUND	98	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	13	23	21	12	0	17

Comments

Discussed rule changes effective July 1, 2025.

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.

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed that current Lesson Plans need to be available in all rooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Discussed removing the non-operable computers in Room J-Downstairs or securing so that they cannot be pulled or pushed.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

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

Met

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-.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.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed that all potentially hazardous items need to be stored inaccessible to the children.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(2) requires the center to provide at least one hundred square feet of outside play space for each child using the space at one time. It was determined based on observation that there were 29 one and two-year-old children on 1-2 YR Playground that was licensed for 20 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children using the space at one time.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed that the protruding bolts on the fence needed to be cut to the second thread and capped and the wires at the bottom of the fence of the Preschool playground needed to be secured.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed to ensure that tears in pour-in-place resilient surface under the swings needed to be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The School age playground was not in use. The Director stated that there will be a gate added at the top of the stairs and an Amendment application to re-measure the space will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed that the diapering mat in Room A-Infants 1R needs to be smooth with no design.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(4) - Discussed that medication needs to be stored inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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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
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Records Reviewed: 23	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5
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Staff # 1	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 12/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 5	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 9	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 01/03/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 10	Not Met
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Date of Hire: 04/07/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) - New - 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 pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

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

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) - 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: 10/23/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. - Discussed that each classroom needs to have at least one teacher with a credential or a Professional Learning Plan on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2025

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**

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