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Date: 8/14/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-50239

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/14/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/06/2025	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	101	Infants	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	102	One Year Olds	3	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	103	One Year Olds	3	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	104	Three Year Olds	3	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	105	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	107	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	108	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story,Centers
Main	109	One Year Olds	3	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	110	Two Year Olds	4	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	111	Infants	2	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	112		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	119	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	120	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 137		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up.

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI FollowUp:

	Facility
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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 observation that the following potentially hazardous items were stored accessible to children:

Room 101-cleaning products in an unlocked cabinet under the sink

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: 8/14/2025

Prior Visits: 12/06/2022, 09/08/2022

Recited on 8/14/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

Prior Visits: 02/06/2025

Corrected on 8/14/2025

.26(4) - The citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the green tarp was not torn and had been replaced on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

Prior Visits: 08/01/2023

Corrected on 8/14/2025

.26(9) - The citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe chipped paint on the metal bongo on this date.

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations Met

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

Prior Visits: 02/06/2025

Corrected on 8/14/2025

.18(6) - The citation was corrected. The consultant observed the dishwasher to be in working on this date.

	Health and Hygiene
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Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that classrooms 101, 102, and 109 changing pads had tears with foam exposed on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2025

Prior Visits: 02/01/2023

Corrected on 8/14/2025

.17(7) - The citation was corrected. The consultant observed hand washing throughout the center on this date.