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Date: 5/12/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:40 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-58140

Cornerstone Children's Center

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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.
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/10/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/05/2025	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-B23 - Colts	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	B - B22 - Lambs Infants	Infants	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap, Centers
Main	C - B16 Cubs - Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - C5 Owls	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	E-C8 HORSES	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch, Centers
Main	F C6 - BEARS	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	G C9-GAZELLES	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap, Outside
Main	H C17 LIONS	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch, Transitioning
Main	I B18 Colt's 2	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J B23 COLTS	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

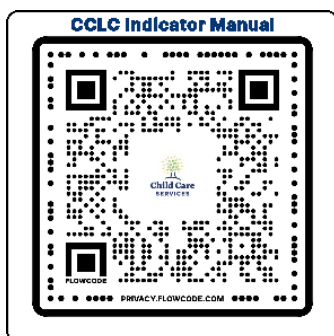
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B - B22 Lambs (Infants)	63	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	16	9	25	18	0	38

Comments

The Consultant discussed the Monitoring Visit with the Center Director and emailed a copy via Docusign.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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)

Met

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Twenty-three bolts were cut to no more than 2 threads in length.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.26(6) - The previous citations were observed to be corrected. The red wagons were removed, the shade tarp was replaced, the red Little Tikes Coupe car was removed, the bye-bye buggie was repaired. The green sand box cover was replaced, and the black plastic borders surrounding the swing set were replaced.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) - The Consultant discussed with the Center Director that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. The Consultant provided Chop, Look, and Listen flyers for the program.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026**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)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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)**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.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 8 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The previously cited staff member is no longer employed. All newly hired staff employed more than 45 days have completed the required CPR First Aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on review of staff records and GAPDS, staff # 7, 8, 14, 26, and 29 have been employed more than 90 days and have no proof of completion of 2 hours of language and literacy practices as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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.