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Date: 3/30/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM Departure: 12:20 PM

CCLC-54206

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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.
03/30/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2025	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 Building	1L-Infant-2 years	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	43	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main Building	1R-3 year old-Twelve year old	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	55	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground	21	C

Comments

The Consultant reviewed the report with the Provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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.dec.al.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that there is a current lesson plan that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development in each classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.12(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the hazardous and unclean equipment and furniture that was accessible to children to have been removed from the Main 1L classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.12(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the white wooden cubby shelf to be properly secured in the Main 1R classroom on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(6) requires Center Staff to equip bathrooms with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings. It was determined based on observation that two out of two toilet stalls did not have toilet tissue accessible to children in the first right bathroom. It was further determined that one out of three toilet stalls did not toilet tissue accessible to children in the first left bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide all required supplies and will train and monitor Staff to ensure that supplies are available in bathrooms. Cloth towels will be used only once between laundering.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2026

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)

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 there was an open staff bag, three cans of Lysol disinfectant spray, and cleaning solutions accessible to children in an unlocked closet in classroom Main 1R. It was further determined that there was an open bottle of Clorox toilet bowl cleaner on the counter by the handwashing sink in the first right classroom.

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: 3/30/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.25(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the men's bathroom and women's bathroom to be in adequate repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.25(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the hanging electrical cord that was connected to the television to be properly secured in classroom Main 1R on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.26(6) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground equipment and toys accessible to children to be in adequate repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.26(9) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground to be free of potential hazards on this date.

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) requires Center Personnel to hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding. It was determined based on observation that an 8-month old infant was in a reclined position with the infant's bottle propped on the infant's arm while sleeping in a bouncy seat in classroom Main 1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to hold infants less than six months old or who can not hold their own bottle, to never prop bottles and to elevate infant's heads during feeding. The director will monitor Staff to ensure appropriate feeding procedures are followed.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2026

Recited on 3/30/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.07(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items on this date.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.17(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Center Staff stated proper handwashing procedures on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.17(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Center Staff stated proper handwashing procedures on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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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-.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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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed three out of three cribs to have a tight-fitting sheet on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.30(1)(b)4 - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed a light cover available for each child on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed a staff member to immediately transfer a sleeping infant to a safety-approved crib in classroom Main 1L on this date.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed documentation Staff #4 had completed health and safety orientation training on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #5, hired September 7, 2021, did not have evidence of completing four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Recited on 3/30/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.33(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed evidence of staff to have completed ten hours of annual training for the 2025 calendar year on this date.

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 3/30/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that Center Staff stated proper supervision procedures for children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during meal times on this date.