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Date: 11/5/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:05 AM **Departure:** 9:40 AM

CCLC-37427

Childcare Network #101

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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.
11/05/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support	
01/29/2025	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	A- 1st Right (Infants)		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-1st Left (Infants)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	23	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C- 2nd Left (2's)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D- School Age (2nd Right)	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-3rd Right) 3's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- 3rd Left (1's)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Br eakfast
Main	G-4th Left (PreK)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-4th Right (PreK)	GA PreK	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Transi tioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 57					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infant	9	C
Main	B- Playground (Toddler)	15	C
Main	D- School Age	57	C
Main	E- Preschool	22	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement follow-up visit.

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.12(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that the infant feeding plans did not have the parents initials and statement of acknowledgement of introduction to solid foods.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Recited on 11/5/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.10(4) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.17(7) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that in the 3rd Left Classroom did not wash hands after cleaning a child's nose.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Recited on 11/5/2025

	Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.36(3)(a-b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.36(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.36(7)(c)3. - Citation observed to be corrected.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.30(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

	Staff Records
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591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.14(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.14(2)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025
.33(3)(a)-(k) - Citation corrected.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2026 as staff have until December 31, 2025 to complete annual training for the 2025 year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2025

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Left Classroom the staff member was seated but with the positioning of the tables the staff member was not within arms length of all children. It was further determined that in the 3rd Left two 2-year-old children were eating and the staff member was at the diapering station.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2025

Recited on 11/5/2025