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Date: 4/21/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-56692
Play Datez Child Development Center
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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/21/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/03/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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.

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 and One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	26	C	Floor Play
Main	B- 2nd right	One Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	26	C	Story
Main	C- 3rd left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	D- 2nd left	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
Main	E- 1st left	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	17	C	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130					
Total # Children this Date: 63		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	23	C
Main	B	83	C
Main	C	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
20	16	17	14	7	0	0

Comments
The visit report was reviewed with the Director on this date.

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.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!

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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 **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that there were no current lesson plans on site for classrooms A-1st right, B-2nd right, C-3rd right, D-2nd left, and E-1st left as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.03(8) requires a center to provide individual attention to each child by responding promptly to the child's distress signals and need for comfort. It was determined based on observation that Center Staff did not promptly respond to an infant's distress signals and need for comfort for approximately 16 minutes, from 1:54 p.m. until 2:10 p.m.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide staff training in when and how to respond appropriately to children's distress signals and need for comfort.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

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

Comment
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that all bathrooms have a functioning exhaust fan and duct system as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

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 the following hazards were accessible on this date:
* Room D- 2nd left: diapers in their packaging under an unlocked diaper changing table.
* Room E- 1st left: diaper cream and wipes in their packaging under the diaper changing table, an unlocked cabinet under the sink with an isopropyl alcohol bottle and trashbags, a closet without a door with a broom and office supplies.
*Playground B: a box of empty plastic bags and adult scissors

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: 4/28/2026

Recited on 4/21/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that there was chipping paint and exposed staples on multiple walls in classrooms A-1st right, B-2nd right, C-3rd left, and D-2nd left. Additionally, the wall under the bulletin board in the hallway near the back door had paint that was peeling which could pose a choking hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there were a total of four electrical outlets missing protective caps in rooms B-2nd right, C-3rd left, and D-2nd left that were accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were observed:
Playground B: three bolts measured over two threads at the gate and an attached piece of splintered wood on the bottom of the fence behind the white plastic border
Playground C: three bolts measured over two threads at the back left fence and the fence bar at the top of the back left fence was detached

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards existed:
Playground A: one tricycle handle bar had exposed rust and was broken
Playground B: the wood climbing structure had a board that was splintered with an exposed nail, the yellow rock wall step piece was broken, and two Little Tikes riding toys were missing their gas caps which posed a pinching hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there were thorny vines growing throughout the fence and accessible to children on Playground B and Playground C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child’s age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on observation that 2-year-old children in classroom D-2nd left were served Hawaiian bread rolls for lunch and that they were not cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Recited on 4/21/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.18(9) requires cleaning materials to be stored separately from food. It was determined based on observation that there was a bottle of Lysol cleaning spray located on a shelf with a container labeled salt and a container labeled powdered sugar in the kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will establish and maintain separate storage areas for food and cleaning materials.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. An infant was observed to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.17(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff were observed to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills as of April 3, 2026.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

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.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - Please ensure that all cribs used by infants are in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Please ensure that all crib mattresses are in good repair as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All cribs had tight fitting sheets as required in room A-1st Right and room E-1st Left.

Finding
591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child’s bedding shall be kept separate from other children’s bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the cots were accessible and not covered in Room C-3rd Left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15 | **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 10**

Staff # 1 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 3 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 8 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 9 — Not Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 10 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 14 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2022

"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) **Not Met**

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center’s premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center’s premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #8 hired on March 5, 2026, did not have evidence of pediatric CPR and first aid training within the first 45 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Recited on 4/21/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All classrooms had one Staff person present with evidence of pediatric CPR and first aid as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #4 had evidence of the required 10 hours of Health and Safety training.

Finding
591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 did not have evidence of 10 clock hours of diverse training for 2025 as required.

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: 12/31/2026

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 a review of records that Staff members #1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 did not have evidence of completing two hours of language and literacy training for 2025 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: 12/31/2026

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**

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

Corrected on 4/21/2026
.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Center maintained the required Staff:child ratios in all classrooms as required.

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 the staff members in Room D-2nd left were not seated within arms reach as the children were eating lunch.

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: 4/21/2026

Recited on 4/21/2026