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Date: 9/3/2026

VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 3:45 PM

CCLC-63505

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/03/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	
08/06/2026	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	1st Left (A) (6wks. - 12mths.)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	1st Right (C) (2 - 2.5 months)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Left (D) (2.5yrs. - 3yrs.)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right (B) (12mths. - 24mths.)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3rd Left (E) (3 years old)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4th Left (F) (GA Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	5th Left (G) (GA Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	GYM (Afterschool)		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle (I) (3.5yrs. - 5yrs.)	Three Year Olds	2	4	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 63

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Infants/toddler	24	C

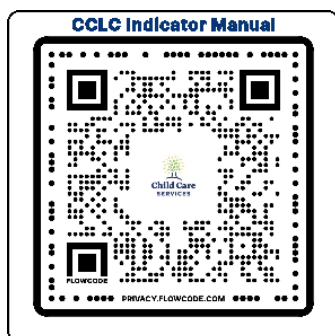
Main	Playground B School age	87	C
Main	Playground C-Courtyard All Ages	41	C
Main	Playground D-Toddlers/Preschool	43	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only
4	12	13	13	40	0

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Tiffany Schand, on September 3, 2026.

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the broken shelf from the housekeeping area is either repaired or removed from GYM.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that child enrollment forms have the parents work information and the address of the person(s) to whom the child may be released.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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 there were gaps creating potential entrapment hazards in the following locations:

- a 5 inch gap and a 7 inch gap at the bottom of the fence to the right of the gate on PG A: Infant/Toddler,
 - a 4 inch gap at the bottom of the fence in the middle of the second fence panel from the back corner on PG A: Infant/Toddler, and
 - a 4 inch gap at the bottom of the fence in the back, right corner of PG B: School Age.
- Gaps must be less than 3 and a half inches or wider than 9 inches to be safe.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fix the fence and will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high. 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: 9/3/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the split covering on the right side of the steps on the blue and yellow climber is repaired on PG B: School Age and that the broken pink flower with jagged edges is removed from playground PG A: Infant/Toddler.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the ant hill on the parking lot side of the covered play area is removed from playground PG D: Toddler/Preschool.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed that infant feeding forms were updated regularly.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that infant bottles are labeled with the child's full name.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined Based on observation that there was no authorization to administer albuteral. The medication was not dispensed. Further, the authorization to administer epinephrine for emergency use did not list the symptoms that staff would observe to indicate the medication was necessary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

The consultant provided the Director with an asthma action plan form.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.20(2) requires that written authorization to dispense medication is limited to two weeks unless otherwise prescribed by a physician or authorized under Georgia law. Medication shall only be dispensed out of its original container which must be labeled with the child's name or as authorized under Georgia law. It was determined based on observation that albuterol and epinephrine were not stored in the original container.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train all Staff on the medication requirements. The designated person(s) will monitor the dispensing of medications.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Met

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the seat harness on the floor of vehicle tag number EYH579, and that the trash can and first aid kit are secured in vehicle tag number EHP610.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no emergency medical information record for one of three transported children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that center staff did not record the date for morning transportation routes to McKendree Elementary School and afternoon transportation routes to McKendree Elementary School and Dyer Elementary School between August 17, 2026, and August 21, 2026, and between August 24, 2026, and August 28, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each date and time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2026

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

Staff stated knowledge of SUIDS and infant safe sleep requirements.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) - Consultant observed that seven of seven unoccupied cribs were safety compliant.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/09/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided six file for employees hired since last visit April 15, 2026.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

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. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #12, date of hire March 9, 2026, did not have evidence of current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training on file. Staff #12 had completed online training, but did not have evidence of completing the required skills test.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff member #12 will complete CPR/first aid training tonight.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation that there was no staff member with current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training in classroom in classroom 1st Left (A).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff have CPR/first aid training scheduled tonight.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(c) requires that during any field trip or transportation of children, there must always be a staff member present who has current evidence of the successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. It was determined based on a review of records that the staff members on the vehicle during morning transportation routes to McKendree Elementary School and afternoon transportation routes to McKendree Elementary School and Dyer Elementary School did not have evidence of the successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. During the visit, the consultant observed that the driver of the vehicle did not have CPR/first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director has scheduled CPR/first aid training for all untrained staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the first aid kit on vehicle tag number EYH579 has medical tape and tweezers, and that the first aid kit on vehicle tag number EHP610 has bandages and antibiotic ointment.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2026**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed documentation of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Consultant discussed with the director that they she has one year from her hire date to complete four hours of nutrition training.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - Consultant discussed with the director that annual training must include two hours of approved training in Language and Literacy.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2026

Corrected on 9/3/2026

.31(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that each classroom had a designated lead teacher with a qualifying credential or is currently in the process of obtaining one.

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: 4/15/2026

Corrected on 9/3/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed adequate supervision throughout the center.