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Date: 6/22/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-52493
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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/22/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/03/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg 1	A- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	B- 6wks- 18 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Bldg 1	C- 1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg 2	D- 3's - 12's	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	27	C	NA	NA	Art,Outside,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 26		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Play yard	174	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	7	2	9	10	3	12

Comments
The findings on this report were 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.

Compliance at a Glance

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.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 **Met**

Comment
Please ensure lesson plans are posted and reflect the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **N/A**

Comment
No evening care hours provided

Facility

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

Comment
Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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**

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.25(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Classroom B-6 wks-18 months floors smooth, clean and good repair.

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 potential hazards were accessible to children on this date.

Bldg 2: Classroom D – 3's – 12's
-There was a pack of Pampers baby wipes in the children's cubbies.
-There was a toilet brush to the left of the toilet in the classroom bathroom.
-There was a broom, a dust pan, and a mop at the back middle of the 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: 7/24/2026

Recited on 6/22/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.25(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed the center free of hazards and in good repair.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the fence material did not present a hazard to children.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and the Director discussed ensuring that the monitoring the normal wear and tear of playground equipment and loose tree branches.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.15(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed six out six baby bottles were labeled with the child's first and last name.

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**

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.10(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the ventilation fan above the changing table in Classroom B 6 wks-18mthto be in working order as required.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined that Staff in Classroom B- 6wks-18mths failed to wash children's hands immediately after diapering. It was further determined based on observation that the bathroom sink and handwashing sink located at the back right of Classroom D- 3's-12's did not have warm running water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed with warm running water. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2026

Recited on 6/22/2026

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment
Please ensure the animals areas are maintained and clean.

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) **Met**

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The transportation vehicle observed cleaned and free of exposed foam.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed tight- fitting crib sheets as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.30(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff in classroom B- 6wks-18mths placed a sleeping infant in a safe sleep approved crib on their back as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff in classroom B- 6wks-18mths placed a sleeping infant in a safe sleep approved crib as required 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.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2026

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed evidence of staff completion of biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/24/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.33(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the Director documentation of completing four clock hours of training in food nutrition as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed documentation of completion of 10 annual hours of diverse training for Staff for the 2025 calendar year as required.

Finding
591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:
(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs); (ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants); (iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response); (iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment). It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, hired on September 22, 2025, did not have documentation of completing Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required on this date.

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 of on-going child development and health and safety related topics and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026

Recited on 6/22/2026

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: 12/3/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.32(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that classroom D-3's-12's housed eleven 4-year-olds, one 5-year-old and four 6-12-year old children, present during the visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2025

Corrected on 6/22/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff to provide supervision and watchful oversight of the children upon arrival to the visit.