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Date: 5/20/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:05 PM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-26666

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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.
05/20/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/08/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			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	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

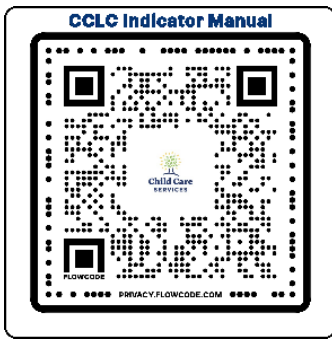
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Playground Under 2	13	C
Main	B- 3 Yrs and Older	61	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	10	10	10	9	0	6

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Julie Hughes, on May 20, 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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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.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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected 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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that parents indicate if their child has any special needs, allergies, or medical conditions, and include their work address and phone number on their enrollment forms.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.19(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the center was within their licensed capacity on this day.

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no hazards accessible to the children. The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the drawers in classrooms A and B were equipped with child safety latches.

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

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the splintered wooden step on the ladder to the yellow slide is repaired or replaced and to monitor the equipment for loose or protruding nails.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2026

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed six inches of mulch around the fall zone of the wooden climber with the yellow slide as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that center staff empty the water in the outside water table after each use.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2) - Consultant observed feeding forms were recently updated.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Technical Assistance

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

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(10) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the kitchen garbage can has a lid as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no medications accessible to the children on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection.

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)

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/31/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2025

"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 four files for employees hired since last visit July 15, 2025..

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

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 review of records that the following staff did not have evidence of current certification in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid on file:

staff #1, date of hire December 31, 2025, and

staff #7, date of hire August 15, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 5/20/2026**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025****Corrected on 5/20/2026**

.14(2)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed each class had a staff member who was currently certified in pediatric CPR and first aid

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)-Consultant deferred this citation due to not being able to access the Georgia Professional Development System website due to connectivity issues.

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: 8/14/2025

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that children under the age of three years old were housed separately from the older children.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.