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Date: 1/7/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

CCLC-24175

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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.
01/07/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	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
Bldg. II	1st Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Music
Bldg. II	3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Left - A	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Right - G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Left - B	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play, Feeding
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Right - H	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Left - C	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Right - I	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Left - D	One Year Olds	4	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music, Diapering
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Right - J	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside

Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Left - E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Right - K	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	6th Left - F	One Year Olds	4	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Community Kindergarten Building	1L-801	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Community Kindergarten Building	1R-808	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Community Kindergarten Building	2L-803	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Community Kindergarten Building	2R-810		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Community Kindergarten Building	3L-805	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Community Kindergarten Building	lunchroom/afterschool	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	37	C	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 224		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 373			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. IV - ELC	Large	263	C
Community Kindergarten Building	Kindergarten bldg-left side	20	C
Community Kindergarten Building	Kindergarten bldg-right	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
16	39	63	53	52	0	0

Comments

Licensing study completed on January 7, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please continue to monitor the ventilation fans in the restrooms for dust in the Kindergarten building and clean when dusty.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 8 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center on this date.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.