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Date: 4/20/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-50731

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 04/20/2026                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/12/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/24/2025                  | 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             |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Main                            | A-#2-1L-3's                  | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 15       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Free Play,Centers |
| Main                            | B-#1-2L-3's                  | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 14       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Centers,Free Play |
| Main                            | C-#3-4L-3's                  | Four Year Olds                     | 2     | 14       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Transitioning     |
| Main                            | D-#5-3R-4's                  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 13       | C                               | 30         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Circle Time       |
| Main                            | E-#4-2R-3's & 4's            | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 12       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Art               |
| Main                            | F-#6-1R-4's                  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 16       | C                               | 25         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Art               |
| Main                            | G-Back Wing-#9-1L-1's & 2's  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 7        | C                               | 18         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Centers,Free Play |
| Main                            | H-Back Wing-#8-1R-1's & 2's  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 6        | C                               | 26         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Free Play         |
| Main                            | I-Back Wing-# 7-2R-1's & 2's | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 4        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA                                                          | NA           | Free Play         |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175 |                              |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |            |              | Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks |              |                   |
| Total # Children this Date: 101 |                              |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175 |            |              | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                               |              |                   |

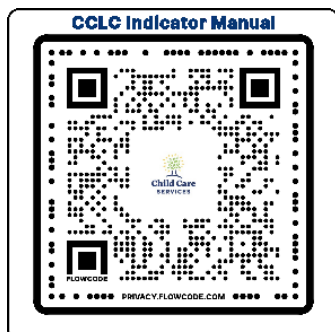
| Building | Playground              | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A- 3's & 4's | 221                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B-1's & 2's  | 22                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 0       | 13      | 40      | 59      | 14                 | 0                 |

#### Comments

The Consultant discussed the Chop, Look, Listen information with the Director.

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.state.ga.us/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.dec.state.ga.us/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](http://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](mailto: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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the red and blue cozy chair and couch in I-Back Wing #7-2R- 1'2 and 2's had tears on the arms and the front posing a safety hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2026

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

Met

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained and completed.

**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 the center on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom near G-Back Wing-#9- 1L- 1's & 2's had five floor tiles with cracks in the front, left, and right sides of the toilet accessible to children posing a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2026**

**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 the bathroom near G-Back Wing-#9- 1L- 1's & 2's had cracked sheet rock on the left side of the sink accessible to children posing a safety 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: 4/27/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all electrical outlets have protective caps.

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2026**

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**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-.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)**

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

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

Met

**Comment**

Program observed to have complete emergency drills.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on the premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles with license plate number EPV789, PB4853, and PB5765 used in transporting children on this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025**

**Corrected on 4/20/2026**

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All checklists were documented with the departure and return dates.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>Records Reviewed: 29</b> |
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| <b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2</b> |
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/1974

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Correction Deadline: 12/12/2025**

**Corrected on 4/20/2026**

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Staff had health and safety orientation training on file.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2025**

**Corrected on 4/20/2026**

**The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff had 10 hours of annual training for the year 2025.**

**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 #1 and #3 did not have evidence of two hours of language and literacy training for the year 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: 5/20/2026**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.