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Date: 10/8/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-49933

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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.
10/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/28/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/18/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 1st left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- 1st right	GA PreK	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 2nd left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	G- 2nd right	GA PreK	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-Ones	One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

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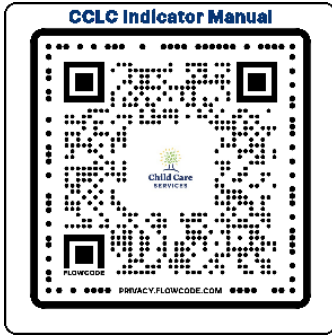
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All ages	58	C
Main	B - Left	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	4	9	11	22	2	60

Comments

The Consultant left the updated 2025 Weather Watch Chart.

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.ga.gov/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.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.03(9) - Correction of previous citation on this date. The Consultant observed that children were engaged in safe and age-appropriate activities, as required.

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 or rough edges or toxic paint, and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the couch located in the book area of the back left corner of classroom Main B was not maintained and in good repair, as it had torn fabric in multiple places. It was further determined that classroom Main F-2nd Right contained puzzles with missing pieces, torn books, and a trashcan that was rusted on the interior of the lid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined that the bottom step leading up to the play area in classroom Main F-2nd Left, had loose and ripped fabric, causing a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025

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 there was a metal caster wheel located with toys in the play kitchen area of classroom Main F-2nd Right, creating a potential hazard. It was further determined that a bottle of bleach spray was stored accessible to children on the window sill in classroom Main C on this date.

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: 10/8/2025

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 rug located in the play kitchen area of classroom Main B had torn and loose fabric in the top left corner, causing the rug to be in disrepair and creating a potential tripping 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: 10/8/2025

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.25(9) - Previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the Center's policy on exclusion from the premises was followed and enforced.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the gate located on the left side of Playground B was able to latch properly, as required.

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) N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Finding

5591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the fire extinguisher located on the vehicle used for transportation, tag number RXY3507, had a pressure gauge indicating it was under-pressurized and required recharging or servicing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Recited on 10/8/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation on this date. The Consultant observed that all Staff had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site, as required,

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all Staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center, as required.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined, based on observation, that the first aid kit located in the vehicle used for transportation, tag number RXY3507, was missing a thermometer and protective eye wear. It was further determined that the first aid kit located in the vehicle used for transportation, tag number CLV7269, was missing a thermometer, antibacterial ointment, a cold pack, and protective eye wear on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2025

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: 6/18/2025

Corrected on 10/8/2025

.32(1) - Previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the required Staff:child ratios were maintained throughout the Center.

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

Met

Comment

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