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Date: 5/19/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-1539
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/19/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/10/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/06/2025	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	A -1st Left	Infants	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	B -1st Left-Rear	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Lunch
Main	C -2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Lunch,Nap
Main	D - 3rd Left	GA PreK	0	0	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story
Main	E - 4th Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	25	C	32	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Floor Play,Nap
Main	F - 2nd Right	GA PreK	2	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G -1st Right	GA PreK	2	150	C	25	NC	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 225		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large	108	C
Main	Small	20	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	12	0	27	0	60	50

Comments
The Consultant was unable to provide a copy of the visit today due to computer/printer issues.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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.

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-.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 there was a white plastic storage bin with two cracks with sharp corners at the front left of classroom F- 2nd Right accessible to children on this date.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove the storage unit from the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

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

Comment
Swimming activities provided off site during summer camp.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 1 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 2 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 3 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review child #1, # 2 and #3 did not have the name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2026

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**

Comment
Please ensure that all of the walls and cabinet doors are clean and free of brown smudges.

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 available to children on this date:

Classroom A- 1 Left
-There was a tube of butt cream and a roll of plastic bags on the rear of the diaper changing table.

Classroom C- 2nd Left
--There was a plastic grocery bag in a child's cubby.

Classroom D- 3rd Left
-There was a ziplock bag with a plastic slider in a child's cubby.

Classroom E- 4th Left
-There was a ziplock bag with a plastic slider at the front left side near the cubbies.

Classroom G- 1st Right
-There were three plastic grocery bags at the right middle near the children's cubbies.

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: 5/22/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026
.25(3) - The previous citation corrected. Consultant observed that the drywall in classroom D-3rd Left an classroom E-4th right was repaired and no metal was exposed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026
.25(8) - The previous citation corrected. The Consultant observed that all hanging cords were inaccessible to children in classroom E- 4th Left.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Large Playground
-The fencing material was not secure at the top of the chain link fence surrounding the HVAC equipment at the back right, with sharp wire exposed on the front right side.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation on the infant and toddler playground there were at least twenty tricyles that had cracks and splits on the back of the red seats and the end caps were missing on at least ten of the riding toys.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on measurement there was one to two inches of measurable wood chips on the right side of the climbing structure on the Preschool playground, six inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that classroom A- 1st Left, classroom B- 1st Left Rear, and classroom C-2nd Left did not have proper ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2026

Recited on 5/19/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026
.17(7) - The previous citation corrected.The Consultant observed warm running water in the sink of classroom C-2nd left.

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) requires the Center to establish and implement written policies and procedures that describe the Center's operations as follows: a) services to be provided, ages of children served, days and times of operations and days and times closed; b) enrollment and admission requirements specifying Parents' responsibilities for supplying needed information and escorting the child to and from the Center; c) a fee and payment schedule with standard fees, fees related to absences and vacations and other fees such as for transportation and late fees; d) Center's transportation and field trip services; e) administration of medication and Parent notification of adverse reactions to prescribed medication; f) Parental notification in cases of illness/injury and exclusion of sick children; g) Parental notification when a notifiable communicable disease is present; h) handling of medical emergencies; i) meals and snacks served, including guidelines for food brought from child’s home; j) access by the Parents to all Center areas used by the child; k) child abuse reporting law requirements; l) behavior management and discipline actions used to include expulsion and suspension of enrolled children; m) nondiscrimination statement; n) Center sponsored religious and cultural activities; and o) diapering, toilet training and feeding procedures for infants and toddlers. It was determined based on review the center's policies and procedures did not include behavior management and discipline actions used to include expulsion and suspension of enrolled children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will revise their policies and procedures to include all required information and update as needed.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.21(1)(r) requires Center policies and procedures include a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children. It was determined that the center policies and procedures include a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will write or revise policies and procedures to include the required description of the Center's practices used to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years or age.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2026

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date (communicable disease chart and consumer product safety notice).

Safety

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

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) **Met**

Comment
Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment
Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026
.36(4)(b) - The previous citation corrected. The consultant observed that vehicle floor (TAG# RUY6431) did not have excessive trash and debris on the floor on this date.

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review five vehicle emergency forms lacked the.e current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
Please ensure that cribs are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/1997

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 12 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/08/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 30 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided one file for employee hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 5/19/2026
.14(1)(a) - The previous citation corrected. The Consultant observed 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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 the vehicles first aid kits lacked the following items:
Bus # 1-Protective eye wear, tape, cold pack and anti bacteria ointment and the first aid manual.
Bus #2- Protective eye wear, cold pack, insect sting preparation and the first aid manual.
Bus #3- Protective eye wear, triangular bandage, anti bacteria ointment and the first aid manual.

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: 5/29/2026

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

Finding
591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review staff #11 and staff #13 did not have evidence of the ten (10) clock hours of diverse training for 2025.

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: 6/18/2026

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 review the following staff members #11, #13 and # 21 did not have at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices.

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: 6/18/2026

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**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.