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**Date:** 8/4/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-58172**
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 08/04/2026 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Deficient |
| 04/02/2026 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |
| 03/19/2026 | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BUILDING II | H | | 0 | 0 | C | 40 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| BUILDING II | I Pre-K 1st R | | 0 | 0 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Main | A | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | B | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | C | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | D | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2 | 7 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | E | GA PreK | 1 | 4 | C | 31 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main | F | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main | G | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 18 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | A | 108 | C |
| Main | B | 28 | C |
| Main | C | 24 | C |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | D | 5 | C |

**Enrolled Children**

| Infant (0-12 months) | Toddler (1-2 yrs) | Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care) | School Age (before/after care only) | GA PreK only | Summer Only |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 3 | 5 | 21 | 4 | 0 |

**Comments**

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Omotola Morakinyo. The investigative findings were not concluded on this date. The investigation remains open pending additional information. Upon completion, the findings will be reviewed with the child care program and a final copy of the report will be sent.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/18/2026

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.

Compliance at a Glance

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.decal.ga.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.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.

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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.

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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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**The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:**

## Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in classroom D.

**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 following hazards were observed:

Classroom E
- The children's cabinet door in the dramatic area was observed broken.

Classroom F
- Brown residue was observed on the toy pet carrier in on the cabinet near the window.
- The blue children's sofa was observed with a tear and exposed foam on the seat.
- Brown residue was observed on the pink and white toy.
- Rust was observed on the chair legs.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026**

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

**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(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 diaper wipes were observed stored in the cubbies in classroom F accessible to children in care. It was further determined that a white powder substance was observed around the baseboards throughout classroom F.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026**

**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 following hazards were observed:

Classroom D
- Black residue was observed on the walls, bathroom door, and baseboards throughout the classroom.
- The wire on the cabinets on the back left side of the classroom was observed disconnected from the cabinet door.

Classroom E
- Black residue was observed on the walls and baseboards throughout the classroom.
- Black residue was observed near the light switch in the restroom.
- Black residue was observed in the window sill of the restroom.
- The ceiling near the back window was observed with black residue.

Classroom F
- The baseboards in the restroom were observed to be disconnected from the wall.
- Active bugs were observed crawling near the first yellow table and near the first yellow shelf on the left side of the classroom.
- A damaged ceiling was observed in the closet.

Kitchen
- Active bugs were observed crawling on the floor.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026**

**Recited on 8/4/2026**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026**

**Corrected on 8/4/2026**
**.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Playground A was observed labeled as not in use due to repairs. Per the Director, Playground A was currently not in use due to repairs to the playground.**

**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 that the following hazards were observed:

Playground B
- Rust was observed on the metal portion of one of four bucket swings.

Playground C
- Rust was observed on the red fire truck.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026**

**Recited on 8/4/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026**

**Corrected on 8/4/2026**
**.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Playground A was observed labeled as not in use due to repairs. Per the Director, Playground A was currently not in use due to repairs to the playground.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026**

**Corrected on 8/4/2026**
**.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the protruding nail was observed removed on Playground B.**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure cutting the grass and the weed on the back right fence on Playground B.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026**

## 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**

**Comment**
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

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

**Comment**
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

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

**Comment**
The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher on this date.

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Please ensure that Staff that assist with completing the transportation logs complete the two hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the annual vehicle inspection form was observed to be expired on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that exposed foam was observed on the first seats on the left and right side of tag # SAN8424 on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026**

**Recited on 8/4/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that a parent signature was observed missing from the field trip to Children's Museum of Atlanta on July 21, 2026.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that one of 14 check marks was missing to account for children loading and unloading the vehicle on July 21, 2026, from Children's Museum of Atlanta to All Star Kids Academy.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2026**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Per the Director, no infants were currently enrolled in the program. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 9** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

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

**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 a review of records that Staff # 3 hired on April 6, 2026 and Staff #5 hired on May 26, 2026, did not obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that Staff # 1 hired on December 10, 2025 and observed alone in classroom E, Staff # 3 hired on April 6, 2026, and Staff #5 hired on May 26, 2026, and observed alone in classroom F without a current and valid first aid and CPR certification on file.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2026**

**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 tweezers, thermometer, insect-sting preparation, antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, and protective face mask were missing from the vehicles first aid kit on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2026**

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

**Finding**
591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: a)prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains:cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 3 hired on April 6, 2026 and Staff # 9 hired on January 13, 2026 ,did not complete the health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2026**

**Recited on 8/4/2026**

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

**Comment**
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

## 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**
A meal time supervision plan was discussed on this date.

**Comment**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.