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Date: 6/17/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:05 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-66359

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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.
06/17/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/19/2025	Initial 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
Building A	Room A-1st R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building A	Room B-2nd R 2 year old	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room C-3rd R 1 Year Olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room D-4th R 3 and 4 year		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room E-5th R 4 year old		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room F-6th R Afterschool	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Breakfast
Building A	Room G-6th L Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room H-5th L 4 and 5 year		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room I-4th L 3 and 4 year old		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building A	Room J-3rd L 1 year olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

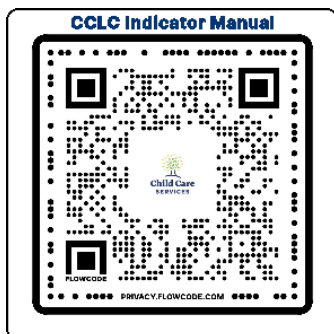
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building A	Playground A 1 R	25	C
Building A	Playground B 2 R	65	C
Building A	Playground C-1L	22	C
Building A	Playground D-2L	15	C
Building A	Playground E-3L	50	C
Building A	Playground F-Back	141	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	12	10	7	12	0	18

Comments

The exit conference was discussed 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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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 was observed to be routinely met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard in empty classrooms are inaccessible to children.

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 Building A Room B-2nd R 2 Year Old had a broom and dust pan in a uncovered closet accessible to children.

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: 6/17/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the peeling paint on the left wall and the white shelf in Building A Room F-6th R Afterschool is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this day. Classroom B 114 and J 106 had provided accessibility for cubby storage to the age being served.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on observation that Playground B had the riser room and electrical room unlocked, posing a hazard that was accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 playgrounds fencing had entrapment hazards:

Playground B 2 R

- The back left side gate had a 5 inch gap at the bottom.

Playground C -1L

- The exit gate towards the parking lot had a 5 inch gap at the bottom and a 4 inch gap in between the fencing.

Playground E-3L

-The back bottom gate had two 4 inch gaps and a 5 inch gap at the bottom.

-There was a 5 and a half inch gap on the top of the entry gate to Playground F-Back.

-There were fifteen protruding bolts on the fence exit to Playground D 2L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair 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: 6/29/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The following playground had equipment free of hazards:

Playground A 2 R

*The turquoise blue metal house chipped paint, rust and cracked metal around the bottom of all four sides were repaired.

Playground E-3L

*The blue metal house chipped paint throughout, cracked metal at the top left metal bar, a tarp across the top with a hole and frayed ends on the left top side, The "S" hooks on all four swing sets were repaired.

Playground F-Back

*The "S" hooks on all four swing sets on both the blue and green swing bays were repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on the playground:

Playground B 2 R

- Exposed tree roots at the back left corner.
- One kid pool
- One water hose
- Four fence poles with exposed concrete on left side of the fence

Playground D-2L

- Exposed tree roots along the back fence on the left side and the middle fence between Playground D -2L and Playground E-3L.
- Three kid pools
- One water hose

Playground F-Back

- Exposed tree roots throughout.

Playground E-3L

- Exposed tree roots along the back fence on the left side, on the left side of the large orange play set, and the middle fence between Playground E-3L and Playground F-Back.
- Four out of four swings had rusted 'S' hooks
- One out of four swings had rusted swing chains.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

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

Met

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that Building A Room B-2nd R 2 year old had tears on the changing surface which posed an contamination hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Building A Room B 2nd R 2 year old classroom had used the proper hand washing procedures as required.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

A completed inspection was observed for vehicle Tag# SKC3118 used in transporting children on this date .

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on the date. Building A Room A 1st R Infants did not have sleeping children in bouncy chairs,

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #6 had a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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 review of records that Staff #1, hire date of April 11, 2025, did not have evidence of current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training on file and was the only staff member present in Building A: Room F-6th R Afterschool classroom. Staff #1's CPR and first aid training had expired on June 6, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2025.

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. Staff #1 CDA must be up to date by June 26, 2026.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observations that Building A Room F-6th R Afterschool had a staff child ratio 1:14 among 2 two-year-olds, 4 three-year-olds, 3 four-year-olds, 1 five-year-old and 4 six and up when a ratio of 1:10 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that Building A Room F-6th R Afterschool was not seated within an arm's length away from two 2-year-olds eating breakfast.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026