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Date: 7/23/2026 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 3:20 PM

CCLC-55290

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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.
07/23/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/03/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

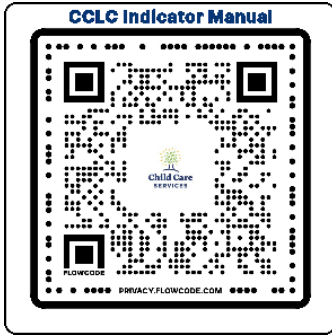
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A: Infants	One Year Olds	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B: Infant	Infants	3	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Lunch
Main	C: One Year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D: One Year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g,Lunch
Main	E: Two Year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Na p
Main	F: Two Year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G: Three Year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H: Three Year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Left)	26	C
Main	Playground B (right)	42	C

Comments

7/23/2026- Discussed school year policy with children moving to up to the next age group. Feeding procedures were also discussed.

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2026

Corrected on 7/23/2026

.12(2) - This citation was corrected in that the blue sofa was observed to be removed from the class. All furniture throughout the center was observed to be in good repair.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Corrected on 7/23/2026

.25(13) - This citation was corrected in that there were no hazardous equipment, materials, or supplies observed to be accessible to the children in any classroom.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 7/23/2026

.26(3) - This citation was corrected in that the playground on the right for the 3 and 4-year-old children was observed to have a shaded area in place as required.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Corrected on 7/23/2026

.15(2)(f) - This citation was corrected in that the children in classroom Blue A and Blue B were observed to be served yellow rice with ground beef, peas and pears for lunch. The pears appeared to be cut into half inch pieces or smaller or smaller.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Corrected on 7/23/2026

.10(3) - This citation was corrected in that the changing table in each of the diapering classrooms were in good repair.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 30

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of files that staff number six and staff number 30 did not have a records check application on file as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number six and staff number 30 did not have a current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file as required on this date.

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