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Date: 1/14/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-52724

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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.
01/14/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
08/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/18/2025	Complaint Closure	Support	

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	4th R-G		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	Not In Use
Main	1st L- A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	31	C	Lunch
Main	1st R- B		0	0	C	22	C	32	C	Not In Use
Main	2nd L- D	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	16	C	Lunch
Main	2nd R-C	Infants and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Main	3rd L-E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th R-F		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 152					
Total # Children this Date: 32		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 152					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A All ages	36	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 01/29/2026



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant did not observe broken equipment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant did not observe an unsecured volleyball stand or other tripping hazards in front of the school age hallway on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.19(1) - Center staff will ensure to limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.25(12) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant did not observe a bladeless fan in the classroom on this date.

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 accessible to children on this date:

Classroom 1st R- B

- There were baby wipes sitting on a white bin against the wall next to a cabinet
- There were Lysol wipes sitting on a white shelf

Entry Hallway

- There were brooms and dust pans located in the hallway where children travel

Classroom 3rd L-E

- There was a broom and dust pan located at the back of the room to the right of the table in the corner.
- There were baby wipes on the changing table with a staff person's bag.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

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 items were not in good repair as required on this date:

Building-Wide

- The ceiling diffusers throughout the building were dusty.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that room 1st R-B had unused electrical outlets that did not have protective caps as required on this date:

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(14) - Consultant discussed that areas used for napping shall be lit dimly and not completely dark.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant did not observe a bike with broken rear handles on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

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 underneath the diaper changing pad in classroom 2nd L- D, there was dirt and debris on this date. It was further determined that there was dirt and debris at the bottom right corner of the changing pad on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant reviewed transportation forms from January 5-9, 2026 and January 12-14, 2026, second check signature were complete on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/14/2026

.33(5)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. The Consultant reviewed Staff #5, hired October 28,2024, records which indicated 10 hours of annual training for 2025 calendar year on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(1) - Center staff will ensure that staff:child ratios will be met as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 in classroom 2nd L-D staff was not seated within arm's length of 2-year old children while eating lunch. The staff member was walking around and assisting other children that were preparing for nap on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026