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Date: 8/31/2026 VisitType: LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:35 PM Departure: 4:15 PM

CCLC-39336

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/31/2026	LS POI Follow Up	Deficient	
08/31/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/11/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 2	1st L Thriving Three's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	1st R Terrific Two's	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A - 1st R		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B - 2nd R	Infants	1	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Snack,Floor Play
Main	C - 2L	Infants	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Main	D-1L		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Building 2 porch	4	C
Main	Back	18	C
Main	Building 1 Frontyard left	3	C
Main	Building 1 porch	3	C
Main	Building 1 Right front yard	4	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
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Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Katrina Pettway.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/15/2026



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.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 LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that chairs, cots, and shelves are unstacked while children are moving actively in the classroom. Please ensure cleaning the brown residue from the crib bars in classroom Main B-2nd R.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the restroom in classroom Building 2 1st L, located in the back was not ventilated and the window was not propped open on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

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 secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of 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 the following hazards were observed:

Building II 1st L

- Diaper wipes were observed in a wicker basket in the restroom accessible to children in care.
- Adult scissors were on a desk towards the back left side of the classroom accessible to children in care.

Building II 1sr R

- Diaper wipes were observed in the gray cubbies on the back left side of the classroom accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the vents were observed repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure repairing the chipping paint on the bottom of the sink in classroom C-2L.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure re-attaching the fencing on the bottom of the front fence near building 2 porch. Discussed covering the protruding bolts on the front fencing around building 1.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

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 that 14 of 42 protruding bolts were observed under the wooden climbing ladder on Back playground accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2026

Recited on 8/31/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the ASTM certification was observed on file.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the water hoses are removed from the Back playground and kept inaccessible to children in care.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2026

Comment

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Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as all staff criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2026

Corrected on 8/31/2026

.09(1)(I)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as all staff criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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 that a staff # 4 hired on July 6, 2026, was observed in Building II classroom 1st R alone without a current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and pediatric first aid training.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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)

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 a staff member was observed to leave three children unsupervised in classroom Main B-2nd R, when the staff person was observed walking back to classroom Main B-2nd R from the kitchen, for approximately one minute.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026