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Date: 2/27/2026 VisitType: LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:35 PM Departure: 6:15 PM

CCLC-974

Kids 'R' Kids #8

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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.
02/27/2026	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/17/2026	Initial-TA	NA	
09/19/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

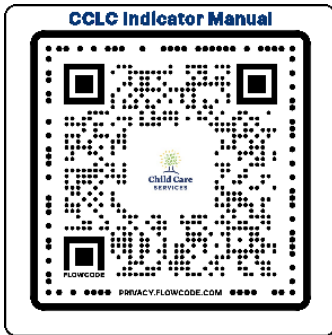
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1st Left	Infants	2	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	32	C	Nap
Main	4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back Right	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	Gym/back	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	35	C	Nap
Main	Gym-Front	GA PreK	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Rear (Behind Cafeteria)	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	31	C	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 252			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 290					
Total # Children this Date: 144		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 252			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 290					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Front Left Playground	0	C
Main	PG- Front Right Playground	0	C
Main	PG- Rear Playground	0	C

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Shirley Holcomb, on February 27, 2026.

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>.

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

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.decal.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 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.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed staff and children to be engaged in appropriate activities throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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 observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to be free from accessible hazards.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 fence had the following hazards:

- protruding wires at the bottom of the gate between playground Front Left and Rear Playground
- the top of the mesh was not attached to the bar on the fence between the concrete area of Rear Playground and playground Front Left
- a gap measuring approximately 4 1/2-inches at the bottom of the fence between Front Right Playground and the unused area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, 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: 2/27/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the splintered wood at the bottom of the fence was removed or repaired on the Rear Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed feeding forms were up-to-date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that infant bottles are labeled with the child's full name.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - Consultant observed the centers policies and procedures were updated to include the steps the center takes to prevent abusive head trauma and shaken baby syndrome.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2026

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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 the seats were torn and the tape to repair the tears was peeling on vehicle tag # BTI 300 and there was a hole with exposed foam on vehicle tag #CS!3879. Further, there was a piece of loose metal on the floor at the back of vehicle tag #PZR6562.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2026

Recited on 2/27/2026

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 17 files for employees hired since last visit September 19, 2025.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed documentation of Health and Safety Training, initial Center Orientation, and required annual training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

Corrected on 2/27/2026

.31(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that center staff had taken Conflict Resolution in the Early Care and Education workplace and a training in Professionalism as per the center's Plan of Improvement. All current staff had also signed the center's Code of Conduct.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.