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Date: 7/16/2026 VisitType: MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:05 AM Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-22108

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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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/16/2026                  | MV POI Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 06/16/2026                  | POI Follow Up    | Deficient     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 06/16/2026                  | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 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.                                                                                                                                 |

Ratios/License Capacity

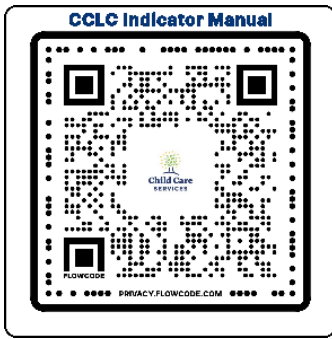
| Building                        | Room              | Age Group                                 | Staff                           | Children | NC/C                            | Max 35 SF.                      | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Main                            | B-1yr             | One Year Olds                             | 2                               | 8        | C                               | 8                               | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                  |
| Main                            | C                 |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 8                               | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | D                 |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 9                               | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | E-2yr             |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 10                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                            |
| Main                            | F-2yr             | Two Year Olds                             | 1                               | 10       | C                               | 10                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | G-3yr             | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2                               | 28       | C                               | 30                              | C            | 41         | C            | Centers                    |
| Main                            | H-(Private Pre-K) | Four Year Olds                            | 2                               | 14       | C                               | 20                              | C            | 29         | C            | Centers                    |
| Main                            | Infant A          | Infants and One Year Olds                 | 2                               | 5        | C                               | 10                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Diapering, Nap |
| Main                            | I-School Age      | Three Year Olds                           | 2                               | 17       | C                               | 20                              | C            | 28         | C            | Centers, Story             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 |                   |                                           |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153 |                                 |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 82  |                   |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 |          |                                 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153 |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Preschool  | 49                   | C                     |
| Main     | Toddler    | 25                   | C                     |

Comments

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

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

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.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 MV POI Follow Up:

#### Activities and Equipment

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.

#### Facility

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)

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026**

**Corrected on 7/16/2026**

.25(17) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as classroom E-2yr was observed not in use on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure repairing the chipping paint on the right back side of classroom B-1yr.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Correction Deadline: 6/30/2026**

**Corrected on 7/16/2026**

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The swing chains on Preschool Playground were observed in good repair. The large playground equipment on the Preschool Playground was observed tapped off from children's usage.

#### Food Service

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(3) - Please ensure that children cups are labeled with the individual child's name. Please ensure that the refrigerator's temperature in classroom B-1yr is kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth and nonporous.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****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)**

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Per the Director, Transportation had not been provided since the May 18, 2026 Licensing Study visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Please ensure to renew the vehicle tag # SNR5701 prior to the expiration date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Please ensure that the fire extinguisher is mounted in the vehicle prior to usage.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Please ensure updating the annual inspection for vehicle tag # SNR5701 as the tag had been changed .

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the litter is cleaned off vehicle tag # SNR5701.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Please ensure that child safety seat are used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation that a child in classroom G-3yr was observed sleeping at the table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2026**

**Recited on 7/16/2026**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

**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.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026**

**Corrected on 7/16/2026**

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the staff person was terminated from the center.