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Date: 3/23/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-49933

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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.
03/23/2026	Licensing Study	Support	
10/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/28/2025	Complaint Closure	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 and One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D- 1st left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- 1st right	GA PreK	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 2nd left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- 2nd right	GA PreK	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-Ones	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

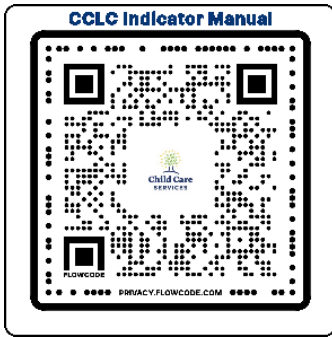
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All ages	58	C
Main	B - Left	22	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	6	6	17	20	18	65

Comments

Staff Records and Child Records were reviewed, and Core Rules and Non-Core Rules were evaluated on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/07/2026



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>.

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.

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined, based on observation, that staff did not intervene when two children were using the slide in an unsafe manner by sliding down the slide at the same time while holding hands, and with one child positioned feet-first and the other positioned head-first, creating a potential safety hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp or rough edges or toxic paint, and be kept clean. It was determined, based on observation, that the red chair in Room H-Ones had multiple holes in the armrests and was not in good repair. It was further determined that the fabric material on the back of the toy shelf in Room C was detached and loose, causing it to not be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all required information was included in each enrolled child's record, as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026**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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined, based on observation, that the tile flooring in the classroom bathrooms throughout the Center were cracked and had visible stains, creating a potential hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026**Recited on 3/23/2026****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 items labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children", such as packages of baby wipes, hand soap, and grocery bags were accessible to children throughout the Center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Recited on 3/23/2026

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 repairs were needed in the following classrooms:

- Peeling paint was observed on the right side wall of Room B
 - The door knob on the door leading into Room B was missing
 - A hole in the wall was observed in the front right corner and in the back right corner of Room H-Ones
 - A stain measuring approximately 27 inches was present on the bathroom wall in Room E-1st Right
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Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

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 fencing material on Playground B- Left measured 3 feet and 9.5 inches in multiple areas along the perimeter. It was further determined that two bolts were present on the back left corner of the fencing material on Playground B- Left that extended more than two threads, creating a potential impalement hazard. It was also determined that the hook ties along the backside of the fencing material on Playground All Ages were detached in multiple places, causing the fencing material to sag and not be properly maintained, as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Technical Assistance

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. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure playground equipment was well maintained and free of hazards, as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined, based on observation that the resilient surfacing in the fall zone areas of the blue and yellow playground structure on Playground B-Left measured 1 inch in depth, when 3 inches were required. It was further determined that the resilient surfacing in the fall zone areas of the red and yellow playground structure on Playground All Ages measured 2 inches in depth, when 6 inches was required.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that hazardous yard debris on the playgrounds were routinely maintained to prevent potential hazards, as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

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 the changing tables in Room F- 2nd Left and Room H- Ones had tears in the changing pads, causing changing surface to be porous and not in good repair, as required.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a bottle of Children's Tylenol was located in a child's backpack in the cubby area of Room F- 2nd Left and accessible to children, creating a potential hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Not Met

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 left side single seat in the vehicle used for transportation, tag number RXY3507, had a missing seatbelt buckle frame, causing the interior of the vehicle to not be in safe repair. It was further determined that the end seat on the right-side of the second row in the same vehicle used for transportation did not have a seatbelt buckle, creating a safety hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the fire extinguisher located on the vehicle used for transportation, tag number RXY3507, had a pressure gauge indicating it was under-pressurized and required recharging or servicing.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/23/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined, based on observation, that two infants in Room A were asleep for at least five minutes in swinging equipment, and were not transferred to a safety-approved crib when they fell asleep, as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 7

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 14

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)**Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined, based on observation, that the first aid kit located in the vehicle used for transportation, tag number RXY3507, was missing a thermometer, protective eye wear, and gauze pads. It was further determined that the first aid kit located in the vehicle used for transportation, tag number CLV7269, was missing a thermometer, scissors, tweezers, antibacterial ointment, a cold pack, and protective eye wear on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026**Recited on 3/23/2026****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined, based on observation, that the following qualifying Staff did not have evidence on file of attending ten clock hours of diverse training for the 2025 calendar year, as required:

- Staff #1, hired April 19, 2024
- Staff #3, hired October 16, 2024
- Staff 5, hired May 20, 2019
- Staff #7, hired April 26, 2023
- Staff #10, hired September 4, 2018
- Staff #12, hired August 17, 2023

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined, based on observation, that one 3-year-old child was present in classroom F- 2nd Left with ten 2-year-old children and three 1-year-old children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.