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Date: 5/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-331

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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.
05/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/20/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/14/2024	Incident Investigation 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	1L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	1L	GA PreK	2	13	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	2R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	3L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @25 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	52	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	11	17	19	0	20	15

Comments

The Consultant left resources for the updated transportation forms.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

Prior Visits: 07/25/2024, 03/11/2024

Corrected on 5/22/2025

.12(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children on the playground were using the play equipment appropriately.

Finding

591-1-1.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that a black germguardian purifier was located on a shelf in the Main 2L classroom and posed a tipping hazard. Additionally, there was a black microwave stacked on top of a mini fridge with a black germguardian purifier stacked on top of it that was not mounted and posed a tipping hazard in the Main 1L GA Pre K classroom where 13 children were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Prior Visits: 12/28/2022

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

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.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies, including brooms and dustpans are stored inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Prior Visits: 03/06/2023

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 there was a 7 inch gap under the fence in the corner of Main Playground A that connects to the building adjacent to a field where 24 children were playing on this date. Additionally, there was a 4.5 inch gap under the fence near the steps that lead to Main 1R classroom and a 5 inch gap under the gate that leads to a field on Main Playground B where 31 children were playing.

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: 6/5/2025**Prior Visits: 10/08/2024****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure playgrounds are free of hazards including vines coming through the fence and electrical equipment near the steps.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**Prior Visits: 12/28/2022****Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that a 3-year-old child was served grapes that were not cut, and a 2-year-old child was served olives that were not cut in classroom Main 2L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director, including the most current checklist form.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024****Prior Visits: 10/08/2024****Corrected on 5/22/2025**

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no bibs attached to cribs with sleeping infants in them.

Staff Records**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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 staff needed to be seated within an arm's length away from twelve 2-year-old children in classroom Main 2L. Additionally, a staff in classroom Main 2L was observed to open the door and yell for assistance twice and to place trash outside of the door not having watchful oversight of the children as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025