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Date: 7/29/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:30 PM Departure: 3:15 PM

CCLC-33034  
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 07/29/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/07/2025                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/14/2024                  | 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                            | 1L Back          | Infants                                   | 1                               | 1        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main                            | 1L Front         |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 5          | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | 1R               |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | 2L Back          |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | 2L Front         |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | Downstairs Back  | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2                               | 10       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Field Trip |
| Main                            | Downstairs Front |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | Left Modular     |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | Right Modular    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds         | 2                               | 12       | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124 |                  |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 23  |                  |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 124 |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
|                                 |                  |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground              | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Infant PG               | 2                    | C                     |
| Main     | Preschool/School Age PG | 65                   | C                     |
| Main     | Toddler                 | 5                    | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 2                        | 2              | 5              | 6              | 6              | 0                         | 29                       |

#### **Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a MV:

**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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

The 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff stated proper age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection procedures on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records, the Nissan NV 3500 vehicle did not have a current annual inspection on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**Comment**

The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**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, two school-aged children were observed to be alone in the Downstairs Back Classroom with the rest of the class and teacher on the outside playground.

**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.

The two children were observed going outside, but instead of the teacher waiting for the whole class to go outside at one time, they all left, allowing the two children to lag behind, being alone in the classroom for a short period of time.

**Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025**