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Date: 6/22/2026 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:15 AM Departure: 3:15 PM

CCLC-62729

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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.
06/22/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/30/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/13/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	A-1R	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm C-2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Lunch, Nap
Main	Rm D-2R	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm E-3R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm F-4R	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	Rm G-5R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm H-6R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm I-6L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm K-4L	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm L-3L	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm. J-5L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

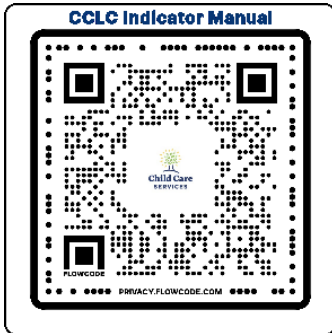
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant / Toddler 1	20	C
Main	Infant / Toddler 2	25	C
Main	Preschool 1	26	C
Main	Preschool 2	129	C
Main	Preschool 3	141	C

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Summer Alabsa, on June 22, 2026.

The program would not open when connected to the VPN. The consultant provided a copy of the DocuSign disconnect letter.

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.dec.al.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.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the sanitizing solution and baby wipes are stored out of reach of children in classroom E 3R and the cabinet with the cleaning solutions and staff purses is kept locked in classroom J 5L.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

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 middle hinge was broken on the cabinet was broken in classroom J 5L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026

Recited on 6/22/2026

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

Not Met

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having entered a ticket to maintenance for the required repairs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that there was a broken off part of a downspout on playground Preschool 2.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 6/22/2026

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed proper hand washing on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Corrected on 6/22/2026

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to have conducted the required emergency drills.

Safety

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 first, second, and third, passenger side seats, and the first, second, and third driver side seats were torn on vehicle tag number SGY1784, and there was a mop stored under the first passenger side seat on vehicle tag number GKP412. It was further determined that the fire extinguisher, first aid kit and plastic bin was not stored secure on vehicle tag number SGY1783.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2026

Recited on 6/22/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 6/22/2026

.30(1)(b)1 -The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the mats for sleeping to be in good repair.

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 six files for employees hired since last visit April 30, 2026.