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Date: 7/7/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:05 AM **Departure:** 5:50 PM

CCLC-62961

Redstone Children's Academy

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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.
07/07/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/03/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/29/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

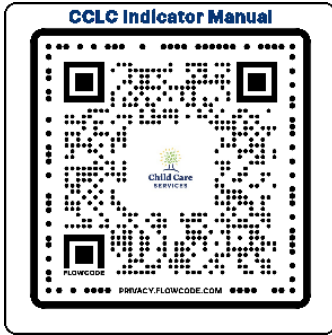
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	E - 4R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	A - 1st L	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B - 2nd L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	C - 3rd L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D - 5R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F - 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G - 2R	Infants	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Main	H - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 82					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infant and Toddlers	39	C
Main	B - Preschool - School Age	39	C

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Brooke Pruitt, on July 7, 2026.

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!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fans were not drawing air in the restrooms in classrooms B- 2nd L, C - 3rd L, and D-5R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center ensure that the exhaust fans are drawing air and will monitor them regularly.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2026

Recited on 7/7/2026

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(4)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having started the process of making the necessary repairs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the hole and fill in the eroded areas. 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.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Corrected on 7/7/2026

.15(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the infant feeding plans indicated the children's feeding schedule and the amount of formula to be given. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that feeding forms include instructions for the introduction of solid food .

	Health and Hygiene
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Correction Deadline: 6/3/2026

Corrected on 7/7/2026

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed documentation that medication was administered as directed.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2026

Corrected on 7/7/2026

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the director had completed transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that there was not 12-inches of space between cots in classroom B- 2nd L, C - 3rd L, and D - 5R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2026

Recited on 7/7/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/19/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/22/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 20

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Date of Hire: 05/20/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 24

Date of Hire: 05/19/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Not Met

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit June 3, 2026.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on review of records that the following staff did not have evidence of certification in a training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid on file:

Staff # 8, date of hire May 19, 2026,
 Staff # 9, date of hire May 22, 2026,
 Staff # 20, date of hire May 20, 2026,
 Staff # 24, date of hire May 19, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2)(d) requires the Center Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times. It was determined based on review of records that the center director did not have current certification in pediatric first/aid CPR.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director must successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid taught by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Director will send copies via email of verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2026**Recited on 7/7/2026****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026**

Corrected on 7/7/2026

.33(5)(b)(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The director stated that the center has a plan in place to monitor staff training and ensure that the required training is completed.

Staffing and Supervision

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 that center staff were not seated within arm's reach of 1-year-old children eating lunch in classroom A -1st L. One staff member was seated at one of the tables and a second staff member was across the room.

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: 7/7/2026