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**Date:** 4/24/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-2281**

**Monumental Development Center**

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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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| 04/24/2026                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/19/2025                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/13/2025                  | 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                            | Rm. 1 (6 wks-12 Mos.) |                                                       | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12                                                         | C            | NA         | NA           |               |
| Main                            | Rm. 2 (School Age)    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 1                               | 9        | C    | 23                                                         | C            | 32         | C            | Nap           |
| Main                            | Rm. 3                 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                               | 15       | C    | 25                                                         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap           |
| Main                            | Rm. 4                 |                                                       | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12                                                         | C            | NA         | NA           |               |
| Main                            | Rm. 5                 | One Year Olds                                         | 1                               | 5        | C    | 14                                                         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap           |
| Main                            | Rm. 6 (Preschool)     | Six Year Olds and Over                                | 1                               | 17       | C    | 25                                                         | C            | 35         | C            | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101 |                       |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 46  |                       |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                              |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground                              | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground #1(Right Side)               | 53                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground #2 (Back/Side area)          | 208                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground #3 (Left Side- Toddler area) | 24                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 3                 | 9       | 9       | 7       | 10      | 0                  | 24                |

#### Comments

Consultant provided the Director with the Chop, Look, Listen meal safety flyers.

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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/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](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.

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!**



### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**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)

Met

**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 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)

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

**Food Service**

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that the menu items that were served for snack time did not match the items listed on the posted menu.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Recited on 4/24/2026

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad had cracks throughout the center of the pad.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure Staff are trained regarding specifically where to change diapers and clothing in each room housing children who are wearing diapers.

**Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the after school aged children entered Room 6 and proceeded with daily activities before washing their hands.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/24/2025****Corrected on 4/24/2026**

Previous citation corrected. The monthly drills were completed and available for review on this date.

**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)****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025****Corrected on 4/24/2026**

Previous citation corrected. The vehicle inspection forms were reviewed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025****Corrected on 4/24/2026**

Previous citation corrected. The fire extinguishers were observed on all vehicles on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided file(s) for one employee hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**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 supervision was not maintained in the following classrooms:

- 1) Room 5 - The staff left the children unattended as they walked down the hallway to speak with other staff.
- 2) Room 6 - The staff left the children unattended as they walked down the hallway and greeted other children.

**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: 4/24/2026**