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Date: 7/17/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:30 PM **Departure:** 5:10 PM

CCLC-38693

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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.
07/17/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Complaint 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	A-1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B-2R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3R	One Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-4R	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-5R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-5L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H-3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I-2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J-1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

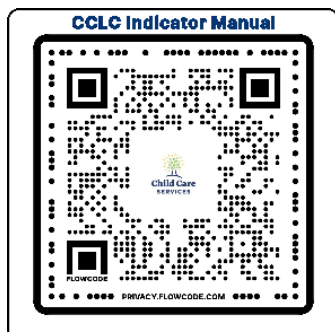
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG/ B	84	C
Main	PG/A/Infant	66	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	26	16	37	23	0	15

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Curriculum Director, Michelle Prelow, on July 17, 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.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 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of records that two of five children's records did not have the addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released and one of five records did not have the telephone number of the child's primary source of health care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will obtain the missing information from the families. The center will create a system to ensure new enrollees have complete files.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Not Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was an unused outlet that was not covered in the restroom in classroom H-3L. Further, there was an uncovered outlet behind the rolling computer desk in classrooms G-4L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Recited on 7/17/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 bottom of the fence on the left side was not secured on Playground PG/B, creating a potential entrapment hazard. The bottom of the fence on the third panel from the right was also not secured. Further, there was a protruding wire on the bottom of the fence at the back of playground PG/B

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the fence and will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the loose rubber covering on the side of the second step of the climbing equipment is repaired on playground PG/B.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed infant feeding forms were current.

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2)(g) - Consultant provided "Chop, Look, Listen" materials to the Director.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that one of seven children's bottles were not labeled in classroom A-1R. Further, two of seven children's bottles did not have the child's full name as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that parents are fully informed of the requirements and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/17/2026

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

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of SUIDS and infant safe sleep requirements.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 27****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit February 23, 2026.

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in the center on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed evidence of 100% of center Staff hired more than 45 days to be certified in pediatric First Aid and CPR on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that staff #24, date of hire April 24, 2026, did not have evidence of initial center orientation on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure all new Staff receive initial center orientation prior to their assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) - Consultant discussed with the director that new staff who have Health and Safety orientation training, need to retake the training within 90 days of hire if their training was more than 12 months prior. The following staff need to retake Health and Safety Orientation training:

Staff #11, hire date February 18, 2026,

Staff #24, hire date April 24, 2026, and

Staff #25, hire date March 11, 2026,

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on review of records that staff #8, date of hire January 1, 2023, and staff #13, date of hire August 3, 2015, did not have evidence of ten hours of annual training on file for 2025. Staff #8 had no trainings on file for 2025, and staff #13 had documentation for four of the ten required hours.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2026

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

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/17/2026

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios throughout the center.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.