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Date: 3/31/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-54782

Tots Around The Clock

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/31/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/20/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/20/2025	Licensing Study	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-Infant		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-K 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Feeding ,Transitioning
Main	D-K 4		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- Afterschool/ Library/Multi-Use		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on this date. Consultant reviewed and discussed the report with the Owner.

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and owner ensuring that all lesson plans are current.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and the owner removing the red sofa and the pink table in room D-K4 (preschool) as they are in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all children files are complete and up-to date.

Facility	
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant observed exposed nails around the hand-washing sink in library area which is used by the children in the K-3 Preschool classroom.

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 a 4 1/2 inch gap was observed on the back-right side of the K-3 Preschool Playground. Further, a 4.5 inch gap was observed on the fence surrounding the heating & cooling equipment on the same playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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 and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The Center will ensure to repair the gaps to prevent children from exiting the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

Defer

Consultant observed 1 inch of resilient surface on the red and blue climber on the K-3 Preschool Playground when 6 inches of resilient surface was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2025

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 were more than 5 active ant mounds on the K-3 Preschool Playground. The ant mounds were observed on the front-left side next to the red and blue jungle gym and around the red; blue tricycle merry-go-round located on the middle-right side; and all around the playground. Consultant further observed the following hazards:

- Unsecured path mats
- Exposed roots
- A white decaying playhouse
- Bye Bye Buggies with mold
- Excessive stick and leaves
- A wasp nest
- Unused sand table
- 2 accessible trash cans with no lids
- Flower pots with thorns
- Rusted blue see-saw
- Chipped and peeling paint on the multi-colored picnic tables.

Please ensure that all unused equipment is removed from the playground.

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. The Center will treat the playground areas to eliminate current active mounds and spider webs and monitor for potential active spider webs and ant mounds.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2026

Recited on 3/31/2026

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

Not Met

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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 a review of records that there were no posted menus in the center.

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: 3/31/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and the owner ensuring that foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents are clearly labeled as staff food in the fridge. Consultant observed 11 packs of string cheese in the fridge.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.18(10) requires that garbage be stored in trash containers with lids that are emptied and cleaned as needed. Acceptable facilities, including water and detergent or steam, shall be provided and used for cleaning containers. Areas around outside containers shall be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the 2 trash cans in the kitchen did not have lids on them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide trash containers with lids and will train staff to keep lids on containers. The Center will develop and follow a plan to empty and clean trash containers as needed, will provide the cleaning materials, and will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and the owner ensuring that the fridge is kept clean and free of spilled foods.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and the owner ensuring that food items are stored on the shelf and not on the floor.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the owner to ensure ventilation fans are maintained and free of dust.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

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

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on a review of records that the staff member in the B-Toddler classroom did not have a current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the owner to ensure first aid kits are complete including googles, thermometer, and insect sting ointment.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026**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: 11/20/2025****Corrected on 3/31/2026****.32(1) - Consultant observed appropriate ratios on this date.****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 in room K-3 children were observed not being supervised during transition to and from the bathroom, hand washing, and transitioning back to the classroom environment.

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: 3/31/2026