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Date: 8/29/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:05 PM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

CCLC-1457

Childcare Network #12

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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.
08/29/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/01/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/04/2024	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	Main:Pre-K (room A)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK	1	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Pre-K (room B)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm A-L ft	Three Year Olds	10	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm B-L middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm C-L back		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm D-Center Bk	Infants	1	1	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	102	C
Main	Playground B	15	C
Main	Playground C	24	C

Comments

8/29/2025- Discussed the maintenance of the playground and safety protocols.

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 II/FollowUp:

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

Prior Visits: 08/28/2023

Corrected on 8/29/2025

.26(4) - 8/29/2025- This citation was corrected in that the fence was observed to be in good repair and there were not areas separated from the posts on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2025

Prior Visits: 09/04/2024

Corrected on 8/29/2025

.26(6) - 8/29/2025- This citation was corrected in that the Consultant observed areas of the blue climbing structure to be smooth and free chipped paint.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience. It was determined based on observation that the large play structure on Main Playground A had 3 inches of resilient surface where 6 inches is required by the department. Additionally, the swings located at the back of Main Playground A only had 2-inches of resilient surface and had three large holes directly underneath the swings that had worn down over time. It was further determined that the resilient surface on Main Playground C measured at 4 inches where 6 inches is 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 resilience.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025

Prior Visits: 08/01/2025

Recited on 8/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

Prior Visits: 08/01/2025

Corrected on 8/29/2025

.26(9) - 8/29/2025- This citation was corrected in that the Consultant observed that there were no sections of black rubber matting protruding from under the mulch on playground C on this date.