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Date: 2/23/2026 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 10:35 AM Departure: 6:20 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.
02/23/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/20/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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	3	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B-2R	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C- 3R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-4R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E- 5R	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diapering
Main	F-5L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G- 4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H- 3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	I- 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J-1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 92

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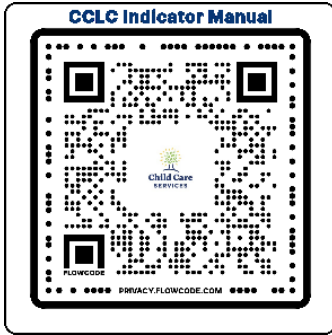
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

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

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Catina Smith, on February 23, 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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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!



Summary Report

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

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2026

Corrected on 2/23/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed five of five children's records to be complete.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 gym while children were in attendance. Further, there was an uncovered outlet in classrooms G-4L and J-1L.

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: 2/23/2026

Recited on 2/23/2026

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2026

Corrected on 2/23/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the playground fence to be in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Corrected on 2/23/2026

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the changing pads to be in good repair throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that center staff did not wash their hands after assisting a child in the restroom in classroom J-1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided 5 files for employees hired since last visit January 14, 2026.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Corrected on 2/23/2026

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected . Consultant observed center staff to have current certification in first aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

Corrected on 2/23/2026

.33(2)(a)-(n) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed new staff to have evidence of initial center orientation.