

Making the Most of the

Rules & Regulations

Indicator Manuals

Whether you're a seasoned teacher or administrator, or brand new to child care, the indicator manual can help you understand the rules and regulations required and monitored by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.



Current Guidance

Updated Quarterly

Both the CCLC and the FCCLH Indicator Manuals are updated quarterly and released on the DECAL website to ensure they always reflect up to date, thorough guidance to assist programs in successfully understanding and meeting rule requirements.



Searchable

Easy Search Features

Any rule chapter in the table of contents can be clicked to go directly to that section of the Indicator Manual. Ctrl + F also brings up a keyword search feature to easily find all rules containing that keyword!



Exact Rule

Each rule is listed verbatim.

Every rule is listed precisely as written in the Rules and Regulations to help identify exactly what is stated in each rule, allowing the Indicator Manual to be an all-in-one rule guidance resource for programs.



Rule Type

Core Rule or Non-Core Rule

Core rule and non-core rules are easily identified by their clear label immediately under each rule. Core rules affect compliance outcomes the quickest because they are essential to the health and safety of children and present greater risks for children when they are not followed.



Intent

Rule Purpose

Under each rule, an intent section is included to share the purpose of the rule or group of rules and why the rule(s) exists. This helps programs understand how each rule impacts children.



Clarification

Explaining the Rule

The clarification section included for each rule seeks to explain the requirements of the rule, providing additional supporting information to assist in understanding.



Indicators

Evidence to Determine Compliance

The indicators section lists exactly what the CCS Consultant will be viewing in your program to determine compliance with the rule. For Core Rules, an additional chart will also be included to help determine the severity and extent of noncompliance weighing the risk to children.



Best Practices

Meet and Exceed Rule Requirements

This section is included to share nationally recognized best practices that will readily enable programs to meet and exceed rule requirements to enhance their program quality, improving both compliance outcomes and children's outcomes.



Things to Consider

Additional Information

This section offers links, tips, and reminders to assist child care programs with meeting and maintaining compliance.



[CCLC Indicator Manual](#)



<https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>



[FCCLH Indicator Manual](#)