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Date: 5/28/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/20/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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-1	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-2	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C-3	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	D-4	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack,Transitioning
Main	E-1	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-2	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-7	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G-8	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H-9	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 97		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-3-4 yrs	40	C
Main	B-4 mos-35 mos	23	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
9	5	25	28	19	0	22

Comments
Visit Completed

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.03(1) - Please ensure that all lesson plans are dated for the current week/month.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(2) - Please remove all high chairs that are not equipped with the manufacturer's seat belts.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

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 the the following information was not documented in five of five records reviewed:

- work address for parent (s)
- name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached
- name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Facility

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan was not working in Room F7 (two-year-old room).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Recited on 5/28/2025

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - Please ensure that heating and cooling equipment is stored out of the reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potentially hazardous items were stored accessible to children:

- E-1 -wipes in unlocked cabinet
- D-4 -wipes in unlocked cabinet
- H-9 - empty plastic bags in an unlocked drawer

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Recited on 5/28/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that dust had accumulated on the exhaust vents throughout the center. It was further determined that two ceiling lights were not working in Room C-3 and ceiling tiles were missing or broken in Room B-2 and Room B-2.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that peeling paint was accessible to children on the large colorful play structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Recited on 5/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 5/28/2025
.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected.

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 the red barrier around the large swings had a large broken gap on it which posed a potential tripping hazard.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous items such as necklaces are not worn by children unless they are worn due to religious reasons.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

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

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

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff did not wash a child's hands with soap and warm running water after diapering the child.in Room H9 (one-year-old room).

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

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 staff did not wash their hands with soap and warm running water after changing a child's diaper in Room H9 (one-year-old room).

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: 5/28/2025

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(4) - Mat sheet storage requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

Corrected on 5/28/2025
.09(1)(l)3. The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a current Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for all staff.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. - Please ensure that a current credential is on file for lead teachers.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 25 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.