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Date: 6/17/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:55 AM **Departure:** 5:20 PM

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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. 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.
06/17/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
12/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/16/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Free Play,Outside
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Free Play,Nap,Transitioning,Outside
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch,Nap,Outside
Main	E - Assembly Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	57	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Outside, Nap,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	5	C
Main	Playground - One	116	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	4	11	12	5	8	13

Comments

The Consultant reviewed report with Director.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/02/2026



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.decal.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.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:

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the television located on the stage in the E- Assembly room was not secured posing a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

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 child records that child # 1 was missing the father's work number.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

	Facility
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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)

Not Met

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 potential hazards existed:

-Classroom 1st Left- four bags of diapers were stored on the open shelves under the changing table, a broom and dust pan was stored in the corner between the changing table and counter and a teacher's bag was left sitting on the play kitchen.

-Classroom 1st Right- a plastic trash bag with children's clothes was located in the back right corner by the window, a bag of wipes labels "Keep Out of Reach of Children" in a camouflage backpack stored on a hook accessible to children, and a plastic bag with children's clothes was hanging on a hook accessible to children.

-Classroom 2nd Right- two plastic bags with children's items, a ziploc bag inside a dinosaur backpack, a plastic bag and a bag of wipes labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" inside a Bluey backpack, a ziploc bag inside a blue drawstring bag, a bag of wipes labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" in a camouflaged drawstring bag stored on a hook accessible to children, cleaning solution was stored within reach of children by the hand washing sink and two bags of diapers and one bag of pulls ups labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" located by the shelf next to the hand washing sink.

-Classroom Assembly E- There were seven plastic bags used to store children's belongings sitting on chairs accessible to children ages ranging from three years old to thirteen years old posing a potential suffocation hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

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 2 electrical outlets located in the play area back right corner of classroom Assembly E had no protective covers as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 the fence around Playground One was not four foot high as required. Additionally, there was an eight inch gap in the fence along the front right side, a five inch gap at the bottom of the double gate, and a three and a half inch gap at the bottom of the fence located on the middle left side of the playground next to the volleyball structure all posed entrapment hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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 the following potential playground hazards existed:

Main Playground One:

- The black springy horse had chipping paint.
- Six tricycles had chipping paint.
- One Tricycle had a broken seat.
- Two poles for the volleyball net had chipping paint.
- Merry go round had chipping paint.
- Three swing chains on the play structure located on the far left corner of playground had rubber peeling exposing rusted chains.
- Four metal support poles on the walkway on the wooden play structure had chipping paint.

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that toddlers located in classroom 1st Right were served whole slices of pizza, whole blueberries and cucumbers larger than one-half an inch as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a substitution provided as required.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all items which might harm a child are out of a child's reach.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that no prescription number was recorded on the written authorization form for medication dispensed on April 16, 2026, April 17, 2026, and April 20, 2026. Additionally, no prescription number was recorded on the written authorization form for medication dispensed on June 8, 2026, June 9, 2026, and June 10, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed medication not accessible to children.

Finding

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation that a current updated copy of the Communicable Disease Chart was not posted as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

Corrected on 6/17/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff stated infant crib sheets are changed daily.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that Staff placed an infant on their stomach for naptime without a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Met

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Not Met

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on review of staff records that staff # 4 and 10 have been employed more than 45 days and do not have proof of current biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/29/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

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 observation and a review of records that Staff #1 and Staff #3 were present in classroom 2nd Right without current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. Additionally, Staff # 10 and Staff #12 were present in classroom 2nd Right without current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2026

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Corrected on 6/17/2026
The previous citation was observed corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2026

Corrected on 6/17/2026
The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The owner stated this staff is no longer supervisory and caregiver Personnel.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of staff records Staff # 4 did not have proof of educational credentials on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2026

Recited on 6/17/2026

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.