



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 1/1/0001 VisitType:

Arrival:

Departure:

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Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding 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

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- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id 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 standard number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the standard citation, and upload supporting documentation.
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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.

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:**Activities and Equipment****591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CS)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure equipment is placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CS)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CS)**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 in Room F-2L- a can of Microban cleansing spray was accessible to school aged children on top of the cubicles on the right side of the door.

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: 6/10/2026**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 in room F-2L-there were several patches of peeled paint on the classroom walls and the wall adjacent to the toilet in the first bathroom

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.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CS)**Not Met****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 on Playground B-Back the gate to the HVAC units was ajar with no children present in the area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the gate to make sure it is closed and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards when needed. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026**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 on Playground C the steps to use the play structure have areas around the edges of the steps and the platform that have had the plastic covering worn away leaving sharp plastic edges exposed that were a hazard. Additionally the adult sized metal bench was rusted around the edge with a sharp edge which was a hazard.

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: 6/20/2026**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 the following tripping hazards were observed on this date:

-PG A Right- tree roots were observed exposed within the mulched play area beside the play structure and below the tree.

-PG C-left - tree roots were observed exposed under the three trees and within the rubber mulch under the play structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove, cover or mark the tree roots from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CS)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CS)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CS)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CS)**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CS)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CS)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that Room E:3L had 2 staff and 13 children when a child opened the back door and two children ran outside to the playground. One staff member went outside to retrieve the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CS)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2025

Corrected on 6/10/2026

.17(2) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed the children to be clean, dry and comfortable on this date and observed records of diaper changes.