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Date: 6/3/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 2:30 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.
06/03/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

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-1L-Infants & 1's	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	B-2L-3's	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning,Outside
Main	C-3L-1's & 2's	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Main	D-4L-4's & 5's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	27	C	Centers
Main	E-5L-4's & 5's	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	34	C	Outside,Transitioning
Main	F-6L-4's & Up		0	0	C	25	C	34	C	Not In Use
Main	G-7L-4's & Up	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	H-8R-4's & Up		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	Not In Use
Main	I-7R-4's & Up	Five Year Olds	2	20	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	J-6R-3's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	K-5R-3's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	26	C	Circle Time
Main	L-4R-4's & Up	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	20	C	Circle Time
Main	M-3R-2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	N-2R-2's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	O-1R-Infants	Infants	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,Floor Play
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 296			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 382		
Total # Children this Date: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 382		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Front L-Infants,1's	14	C
Main	Playground B-Special use-Garden	36	C
Main	Playground C-Back L-4's & Up	88	C
Main	Playground D-Back R-4's & Up	140	C
Main	Playground E- Right Middle-3's	124	C
Main	Playground F-Special use-Splash	18	C
Main	Playground G-Front R-2's	33	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	10	19	49	10	22	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a License Study

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decalfga.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

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

Corrected on 6/3/2025

.03(2) - Based on observation of the classroom, a current lesson was on site to support the development of the children in each age group.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

Corrected on 6/3/2025

.08(1) - Based on observation of five children records, the record maintained complete information.

Facility

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****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined that in classroom E, the carpet was observed to be stained and torn near the children cubbies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2025**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024****Corrected on 6/3/2025**

.25(13) -Based on observation of children book bags and discussion with the staff on the procedure to check all book bag at arrival, the rule has been met.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 that on playground G-Front right, there were exposed tree roots near the play structure. The ground was observed uneven and dipped in several spots throughout the playground, which present a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director painted the tree root in the playground to allow the children to see the roots. The Director stated the uneven areas will be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined the four infant feeding plan were not on file in classroom O-1R infant.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2025**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023****Corrected on 6/3/2025**

.15(3) -Based on observation, the infant bottles were labeled for each child.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024****Corrected on 6/3/2025**

.17(2) - Based on observation of diaper changing procedures and discussion with the staff daily procedures to maintain that the children are clean, dry and comfortable, the rule has been met.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

Corrected on 6/3/2025

.30(1)(b)4 - Based on observation of the children during nap time, each child was observed with a cover and sheet.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2025

.09(1)(j) - Based on observation the rule has been met for all staff.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.