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Date: 1/9/2026 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 8:35 AM Departure: 12:30 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.
01/09/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/24/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/13/2025	Complaint Closure	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
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	2-1st Right	One Year Olds	3	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	3-1st Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	4-2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	5-2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Ft.Hall Jonah's Way	6-3rd right	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
New Wing	10-2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
New Wing	11-3Rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
New Wing	12-3Rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
New Wing	14-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
New Wing	7-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
New Wing	8-1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
New Wing	9-2nd Left	Infants	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play

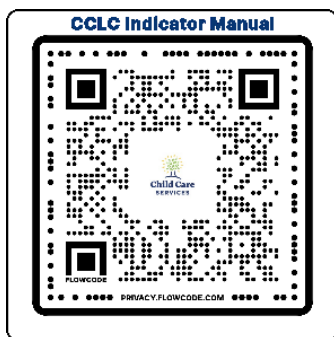
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Second Wing Upstairs	201		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Second Wing Upstairs	203		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Second Wing Upstairs	204		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 92		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

January 9, 2026- The investigation was not concluded on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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.dec.al.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.03(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current lesson plans posted in each classroom.

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 there was a white mini refrigerator on a shelf not secured, wobbly, and accessible to children in the Ft. Hall Jonah's Way 4- 2nd Right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(5) - Please ensure Center Staff provided table space for each child who was able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who was not an infant and who was able to use a chair or bench including in the cafeteria.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2026

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed the two children files and found the missing information was added.

Facility

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 hazards were observed in the following classrooms and accessible to children:

-Ft. Hall Jonah's Way 4-2nd Right: There was a bottle of dish detergent on the counter next to the sink.

-New Wing 14-4th Right: There was a bottle of hand sanitizer and a package of wipes in a book bag hanging on a low hook.

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. The Center removed the hazardous items immediately.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2026

Recited on 1/9/2026

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all of the items to be repaired.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the fencing to be in good repair. The Director stated that new fencing had been added and/or repaired.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.30(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed none of the cribs near the exit in the 9-2nd Left classroom and all of the outlets covered.