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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/19/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/05/2026	Initial 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

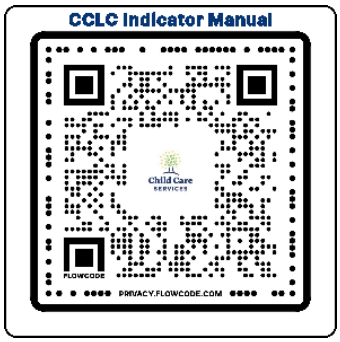
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main Buidling	Room A 1st Left Infants	Infants	1	1	C	8	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main Buidling	Room B 2nd Left 1 year old		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Buidling	Room C 3rd Left 2 year old		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Buidling	Room D 2nd Right 2 year old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Buidling	Room E 1st Right 3 to 4 year old		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Buidling	Room F Large Room Pre K and Afterschool		0	0	C	37	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 4		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Buidling	Playground A Infants	10	C
Main Buidling	Playground B Toddlers	106	C
Main Buidling	Playground C Older Ages	119	C

Enrolled Children					
Infant (0-12 months)	**Toddler (1-2 yrs)**	**Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)**	**School Age (before/after care only)**	**GA PreK only**	**Summer Only**
2	10	10	0	0	0

Comments
The visit report was completed on August 19, 2026. The visit report and reviewed and discussed with the Director, Courtaney Mullis-Ulmer.

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.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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@decal.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) **Met**

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

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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) **Met**

Comment
The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that potentially hazardous materials kept in a locked cabinet and inaccessible to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **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 the fence material on the playgrounds presented hazards to the children in care:
-Playground A infants
* Three bolts on the gate were more than two threads located in the middle of the playground

-Playground B Toddlers
*The gate was not locked located in the middle of the playground

-Playground C Older
*Two bolts on the gate were more than two threads located on the left side front playground
* One gap that measured 10 inches in width located at the bottom of the fence on at the far right side middle of the playground
* The fence on the far right back side was broken and detached at top
*One gap that measured 7 inches in width located on the right side front facing the road of the playground

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. 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: 9/18/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the playground equipment on the Main Building Playground C Older was in good repair as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the playgrounds had inadequate resilient surface:
-Playground C Older
*Two white slides resilient surface measured a half inch in depth were located in front right side of the playground
*Two swings resilient surface measured a half inch in depth were located in the middle of the playground
* Two swings resilient surface measured zero in depth were located in the middle of the playground

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2026

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 that the playgrounds had potentially hazardous materials accessible to the children in care:
-Playground A Infant
*There were multiple pine cones located on the left, middle, and right sides of the playground.
*There were multiple broken branches located on the left, middle, and right sides of the playground
*One plastic bag of sand was located at the Room A Left Infants back door of the playground

-Playground B Toddlers
*One plastic bag of sand was located at the Room 3rd Left 2 year old back door of the playground
*One ant bed was located in the middle of the playground

-Playground C Older
*One ant bed was located middle of the playground
*There were multiple pine cones located left, middle, and right sides of the playground
*There were multiple broken branches located left, middle, and right sides of the playground

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: 9/18/2026

Health and Hygiene

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) **Met**

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that in Room A 1st Left Infants one out of six cribs had a manufactured date of March 2010 and did not meet the compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2026

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Corrected on 8/19/2026
.30(1)(a)2 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Center purchased crib mattresses that were firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches think as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2026

Corrected on 8/19/2026
.30(1)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the children in care were sleeping on three cots as required.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.