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**Date:** 9/3/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:55 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 09/03/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 06/17/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 04/29/2026 | Incident Investigation Closure | 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**

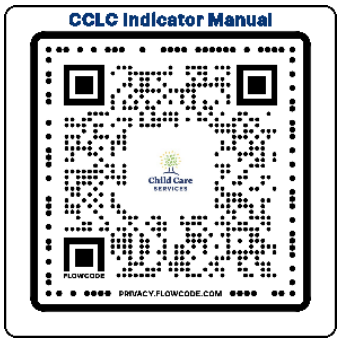
| Building | Room | Age Group | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Building | Gym Front Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main Building | Gym Left PreK B | GA PreK | 2 | 9 | C | 33 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main Building | Gym Right Back | | 0 | 0 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main Building | Left Back | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main Building | Left Front | Infants | 1 | 4 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Free Play,Nap |
| Main Building | Left Middle | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time,Transitioning |
| Main Building | Right Back PreK A | Three Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main Building | Right Front | Two Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 46 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main Building | Big Playground | 81 | C |
| Main Building | Infant Playground | 8 | C |
| Main Building | Toddler Playground | 11 | 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** |
| 5 | 22 | 17 | 20 | 10 | 0 |

**Comments**
The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the required annual training for 2026 is completed by December 2026.

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.

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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.

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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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**The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:**

## Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.03 Activities** **Met**

**Comment**
Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

**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.

## Children's Records

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

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

## Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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.

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

**Comment**
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

## Food Service

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

**Finding**
591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that the posted menu items on this date did not match the meal items that were served. It was further determined that the posted menu listed diced turkey/ham, peas, mandarin oranges, and milk, but the items served were beef patties, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread, applesauce, and milk.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

**Correction Deadline: 9/3/2026**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**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.

## Policies and Procedures

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**
Program observed complete emergency drills

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**
Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**
Thank you for reporting as required.

## Safety

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **N/A**

**Comment**
Center does not keep animals on premises.

**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)** **N/A**

**Comment**
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**
Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**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.

## Staff Records

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

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**
Director provided file(s) for five employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Criminal records 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-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**
Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2026.

**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.