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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.
08/19/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/02/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/30/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	Front	Infants	1	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	Back Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	Back Right	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	Lower Level Left	GA PreK	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main Building	Lower Level-Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main Building	Middle	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main Building	Middle Cafe-C		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

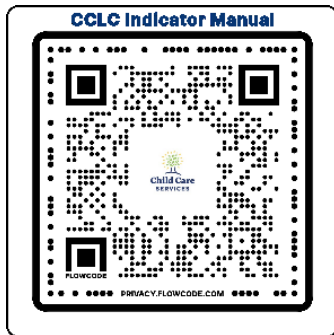
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Infant/Toddler	76	C
Main Building	Large Playground	63	C
Main Building	Toddler Playground	18	C

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	20	13	23	15	0

Comments

An affidavit verifying completion of criminal background check training review should be returned within five business days. A one-day-letter was left with the Director 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>.



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.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

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with Director and Staff to ensure the bouncer seat covers in the Middle (infants) classroom were washed regularly to ensure they remain clean and free of stains.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed with Director to monitor the ventilation fans in all children's bathrooms and ensure they remain clean and free of dust accumulation.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed with Director to repair or replace the plastic caterpillar climber where the top had cracked and a piece was missing as well as the children's umbrella pole on the small children's picnic table, where the umbrella was missing on the right Toddler playground. Also discussed with Director to clean or replace the plastic swing covers on the swings on the large back playground where a brown sticky residue had developed.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with Director to remove the landscaping weed barrier which had become loose and had been pulled onto the right Toddler playground play area.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with Director to monitor the slides on the playgrounds for standing water each day.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

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

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that lasagna and bread was served in the Front (1-year-old) classroom and the Back Left (2-year-old) classroom was not cut up to prevent choking.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Discussed with Director to ensure that a thermometer was present in the freezer and refrigerator to monitor the temperature. Also discussed to ensure all food items in the refrigerator and freezer were dated and labeled after opening.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - Discussed with Director and Staff to ensure Staff change gloves and wash hands immediately following wiping children's faces/noses.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Discussed with Director to ensure the passenger side mirror was replaced where it was observed to be missing.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Discussed with Director and Staff to monitor crib sheets and ensure they remained tight fitting at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - Discussed with Director and Staff to monitor cot/blanket/sheet storage to ensure sheets/blankets did not touch other children's bedding, to maintain individual use.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation and review of records, that Staff #11 was observed to have an expired records check determination letter and had not begun the process or resubmitted new fingerprints in KOALA. Staff #11 was the owner of the center, and was observed to be in the office and walked around the center. The owner did not provide care or direct supervision to children. Staff #11 had a records check determination letter that had expired on March 31, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review background check rules and monitor expiration dates, to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review Staff background check letters regularly to monitor expiration dates and to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(I)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on observation and review of records, that Staff #11 was observed to have an expired records check determination letter and had not begun the process or resubmitted new fingerprints in KOALA. Staff #11 was the owner of the center, and was observed in the office and walked around the center. The Staff member (owner) did not provide care or direct supervision to children. The owner's background check determination letter had an expired date of March 31, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 8/19/2026

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

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2026

Corrected on 8/19/2026

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Ratios were observed to be maintained in all classrooms.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.