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Date: 1/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM **Departure:** 2:55 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.
01/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/11/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/15/2024	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
Main	1st Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning, Lunch
Main	1st Right		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Clean Up
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	3rd Left-Gym	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	4th Left GA Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	5th Left GA Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Middle	Infants	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Right Middle	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 111			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Infant	20	C
Main	Right Playground	133	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	24	20	32	26	19	9

Comments

Licensing study completed on January 14, 2025.

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.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!



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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-.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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.35(7) requires wading pools to be cleaned and filled with clean water for each day's usage and emptied when not in use. It was determined based on observation that on the front left side playground there was a wading pool filled with frozen water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will clean, empty, and refill the wading pool(s) as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2024

Corrected on 1/14/2025

.06(4) - Correction observed on this date. Sink and ventilation fan were repaired.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st left classroom under the first left side window there were three tiles missing and one broken causing the flooring to be uneven and not smooth.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please continue to monitor the classroom to ensure hazards are stored inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed to be repaired:

1st left- three lights were not working. The bathroom ventilation fan was dusty and needed cleaning. The trash can in the classroom was dirty and needed cleaning.

2nd left- four lights were not working.

4th left- the baseboard in the restroom was not attached completely.

5th left Pre-K 2- one light was not working.

2nd right- one light was not working and nine ceiling tiles were stained and needed to be replaced.

3rd right-one light was not working.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please continue to monitor classrooms to ensure outlets not in use have outlet covers in place. Also monitor cords in use that are accessible to children to ensure they are secured to the wall.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed to be repaired:

Back middle playground- The red bouncy race car needed to be cleaned.

Right side front playground- The yellow protective coating on the swing chains were coming apart with rough edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

Corrected on 1/14/2025

.26(8) - Correction observed on this date. Resilient surfacing was added around the merry-go-round.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please continue to monitor the playground daily for gumballs and remove when present. Continue to monitor the asphalt to ensure there are not uneven places posing a tripping hazard.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Kitchen appears well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.