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Date: 5/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/03/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/08/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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
Bld 1	Garden	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bld 1	Honeycomb	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Bld 1	Rosemary	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld 1	Tadpoles		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Terrance	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bld 1	Willow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg II	Butterflies	One Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg II	Caterpillars	One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg II	Lilacs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Sprouts	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg II	Sunflowers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Story
Bldg II	Upper- Magnolia		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 122					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 96			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 272			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C
Bld 1	large	241	C
Bldg II	small	227	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
22	30	30	16	18	0	19

Comments

Visit completed.

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.decgal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18

Not Met

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Staff # 23

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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure that the rugs are securely installed to prevent children from tripping.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

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Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

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Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

Met

Comment

Documentation procedures were discussed.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

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Staff # 18

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 the following potentially hazardous items were stored accessible to children:

- Terrance- container of Vaseline and hand sanitizer on a shelf, insect repellent in a child's cubbie, bleach solution bottle near the sink, butter knife and adult scissors on a shelf
- Garden- cleaning solution on a shelf
- Willow- teacher's purse hung low on the back of a door
- Honeycomb- diaper ointment and rubber gloves in an unlocked drawer

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2025

Recited on 5/19/2025

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 in building #2 on the toddler playground, an opening at the bottom of the fence near the green slide measured six inches wide and posed a potential entrapment hazard and an opening at the bottom of the fence near the back left side of the playground measured six inches wide and posed a potential entrapment hazard.

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: 5/30/2025

Recited on 5/19/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that feeding plans are updated.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in the Honeycomb room, an infant was observed with a pacifier attached to their clothing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 18

Not Met

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Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that in the Honeycomb room, three infants were observed asleep in cribs with loose-fitting sheets..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

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Staff # 18

Not Met

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Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024

Corrected on 5/19/2025

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a current satisfactory comprehensive records check on file for all staff.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff members, #2, #18, and #23 did not have evidence of current CPR and first aid training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - Annual training our procedures were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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**

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