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Date: 5/12/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 6:30 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
05/12/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/09/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/02/2025	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
1st	1L 100	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play,Feeding
1st	1R -250	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap,Music
1st	2L -150	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside,Not In Use
1st	2R 300	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art,Nap
1st	3L 200	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap, Music
1st	3R -350	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
1st	4L -550	Four Year Olds	1	2	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
1st	4L-600		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
1st	4R -400	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
1st	5r- 450	GA PreK	2	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
1st	Cafe		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
1st	Middle PRE-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 272			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
2nd Bld	Cafe	GA PreK	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch
2nd Bld	Downstairs -PRK		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
2nd Bld	GYM		0	0	C	82	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
2nd Bld	Upstairs	GA PreK	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap

2nd Bld	Upstairs	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 163		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 455			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1st	A	127	C
1st	B infant	26	C
1st	C LEFT SIDE	78	C
1st	D Back side	70	C
1st	E Right Side	7	C
1st	F	51	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
9	13	24	39	86	37	56

Comments

Be sure to enter all temporary closures by 7 a.m. (vacation, emergencies, school closures, inclement weather, holidays etc…) in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is temporarily closed when you are not caring for children for one or more days. Be sure to SAVE the report before exiting.

All amendments are required to be electronically submitted in DECAL KOALA.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.

Please ensure that the director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment. (if applicable)

Please remember that the transportation training certificates must be completed prior to participating in transportation and renewed every two years for anyone checking the vehicle, chaperoning on a trip, and signing the checklist, including the director. Please ensure that directors complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center. Please ensure to contact your consultant for guidance if you have not been conducting transportation before you plan to conduct transportation in the future. (if applicable)

**There is a free Transportation Training available on OLLI in Georgia PDS (GaPDS). Health and Safety Orientation Training 15-hour course is available free online in OLLI (staff must successfully complete all three trainings to meet licensing requirements). PLEASE NOTE: If the Health & Safety Orientation Training date is outside of the previous 12 months, the training was not approved for 10 credit hours, or the training certificate is not documented in the employee's GaPDS account, the Staff person will be required to take this training again, within their first 90 days of employment at a new facility. Reminder: Health and Safety Orientation Training can only be taken once every five years.

Talk about updated orientation checklist.

Discussed indicator manual and utilizing it.

Discuss updated Transportation forms including sample as of October 1, 2023, use immediately (if applicable).

Discussed regarding ensuring to complete rechecks for Criminal Records checks at least 90 days before the five-year expiration. Suggestion: Check monthly or sooner to ensure that staff's criminal records checks are not expiring.

Don't forget to post a new license annually.

Discussed regarding nap/crib mats regarding not using tape to repair; must replace (if applicable).

Recent Changes/Updates: Core Rule: CPR and First Aid will be due within 45 days. 2 hours of Language and Literacy/2 hours of Health and Safety training annually beginning July 1, 2025, a required for all staff. Also, SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome formerly SIDS) must be included on the orientation checklist along with abusive head trauma. **Please don't forget to add to your childcare policies and procedures concerning expulsion, suspension, and practices followed to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.

Provided Chop, Look, Listen Information

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that several of the following classrooms cubbies were observed to be cracked with sharp edges: 3R-350, 4L-550, and 5R-450. In the 2nd Bld Downstairs-PRK classroom, the blue couch in the library area was observed to be torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The director stated they will have the cubbies replaced.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

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

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) **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 classrooms were observed to have hazards accessible:
-1st 1R-250: Pull ups packaging were observed in two children's cubbies and were accessible.
-1st 2R-300: Plastic bag which read keep out of reach of children was observed in the fine motor area and was accessible. Package of training pants which read keep out of reach of children were observed in cubby area. Empty Ziploc bags were observed in children's cubbies. Further, handsoap and Dawn were observed in an unlocked cabinet beneath the sink and was accessible.
-1st 3R-350: A pair of adult scissors was observed to be accessible in the writing/small group area. A package of wipes was observed near the sink area.
-1st 4L-550: There were wipes packaging, and empty grocery bags were accessible in children's cubbies. In an unlocked closet, staff's purse and disinfectant wipes were observed accessible.
-1st 4L-600: Plastic trash bags were observed accessible. Plastic grocery bags were observed to be accessible in a grey and black unlocked closet.
-1st Middle: Empty Ziploc bags, a stapler in a clear bin and adult scissors were observed to be accessible in an unlocked closet. Also, wipes packages were observed in children's cubbies and were accessible.
-1st 5R-450: Plastic grocery bags and wipes packaging were observed in children's cubbies and were accessible.
2nd Bld Downstairs-PRK: Handsoap, disinfectant spray, adult scissors and cleaning solution were observed in an unlocked closet and were accessible.

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. The director stated that the curriculum coordinator will correct hazards daily and teachers will conduct daily checks before children arrive.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

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 girls bathroom in classroom 3R-350 and boys bathroom in 5R-450 were not in service. Also, in 2nd Bld Downstair-PRK, the wall near the exit was observed to be chipped on the right and was accessible.

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: 5/15/2026

Recited on 5/12/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that all outlets not in use are covered at all times in the 2nd Bld Downstairs-PRK classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

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 seats on the cycle-go-round on the 1st D Back Side were broken.

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. The director stated that they will put caution tape around the equipment and a supervision plan will be instituted when the children are outside.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

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 much on the 1st E Right Side playground, the mulch measured at one and a half inch on the grey rock wall climbing structure where three inches were needed and there was no mulch on the sides of the double yellow slides where six inches were needed.

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. The director stated that there is mulch that will be put out tomorrow. The director stated that management will conduct monthly playground checks and maintenance staff will also check and follow up with management.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026
.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was no chipping paint observed on the red poles on the playground.

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 following hazards were observed:
-1st E Right Side: The mat was not flushed at the bottom of the double yellow slide.
-1st D Back Side: The grey and black material beneath the mulch was observed to be exposed and created a tripping hazard.
-1st F: There was a black mat rolled up and accessible creating a tripping hazard. Also, to the back right corner of the playground, there were broken equipment and toys such as a sensory tables, wooden house, white plastic cylinder tubes, basketball stand, and ladders accessible to the children. Further, the black mats were observed to not be flushed in the swing area and the area with the see-saw.

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. The director stated that playground checks will be conducted daily and items removed.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.17(8) - Please ensure that staff are completing handwashing before beginning a diaper in the 1L 100 classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that three medication record for two children did not have a start and end date listed on the dispensing record.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that seats are in good repair at all times and tape is used as a temporary fix until it is repaired on vehicle tag number SEV 6349.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that the following seat belts were in need of repair on the following vehicles:

-Vehicle tag number TBB 6290: The fourth right window seat was missing the latch to the buckle of the seat belt. Also, the seat belts on the vehicle were observed to not be correctly installed as the latch and buckles were opposite.
-Vehicle tag number SEV 6349: The first right aisle seat latch was observed to be in the opposite direction, the second right window seat buckle was upside down, the second right aisle seat belt was frayed and upside down, the second left window seat belt was in the opposite direction, the third left window seat belt was twisted, and the fourth right aisle seat belt was in the opposite direction.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts. The director stated that they will borrow a vehicle that is in compliance to use until their vehicle is repaired. The director stated that the safety seat belts will be checked daily by the driver and followed up by administration.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that 11 children did not have evidence of transportation forms and were transported during the week of April 27, 2026 and May 4, 2026. Also, six children's transportation form were incomplete and did not indicate the location and times to be transported.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization. The director stated that they will have the parents complete the forms this week and there will be weekly check done by the driver and followed up by management.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that six child did not have emergency medical forms available for review and two children were missing their physician's information and were being transported during the week of April 27, 2026, and May 4, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle. The director stated that they will have parents complete the forms this week and will have the driver conduct weekly checks and management will follow up.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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 three sheets in the 1L 100 classroom were observed to be loose fitting and one child was observed sleeping in the crib.

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. The staff changed two of the sheets during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 37 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 26 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 35 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026
.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All current staff has evidence of a completed satisfactory records check.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026
.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All current staff has evidence of a completed satisfactory records check.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **Not Met**

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

Finding
591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #27, hired on November 3, 2025, did not have current evidence of CPR and First Aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2025

Corrected on 5/12/2026
.14(2)(d) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The director has current CPR and First Aid on file.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.24(1) - Please ensure that all staff has completed their documentation of orientation and it is kept on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2026

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.

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) — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm’s length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on a review of records that staff was observed to not be within arm's length during mealtime in the 1L 100 classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2026