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Date: 1/14/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
01/14/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/08/2025	Complaint 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	A- Infant Suite I -1st left/left side		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-infant Suite II- 2nd left/left side	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	C- Toddler I- 3rd left/left side	One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- Dance rm. middle/left side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E- Toddler 2A 4th left/left side	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	F- 2's - 5th left/left side	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- 2's - 6th left/left side	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-3's- 7th left/left side	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I- Private 4's-1st Right/Right side	GA PreK	1	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J- Ga. PreK- 2nd left/right side	GA PreK	2	20	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K- Preppy Jr.- 1st left/right side	GA PreK	2	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 98		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left playground/Toddler	65	C
Main	Right side	58	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
7	13	17	18	37	23	27

Comments
Consultant discussed the report and addressed any questions or concerns at the time of the visit.

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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment
Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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 the Director monitor the child size couches and plush blocks for mall rips or tears.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

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
Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed with the Director to ensure the exhaust vents in the bathrooms are dusted.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

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) **Not Met**

Comment
The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with the Director to be sure storage closets are locked at all times and toilet brushes are stored out of reach of children. It was further discussed that baby wipes, labeled keep out of reach of children, and teacher's belonging would need to be stored out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

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 the following repairs are required:

C- Toddler I- 3rd left/left side had water marks on the ceiling near the back door.
E- Toddler 2A 4th left/left side had a sink faucet on the diapering station that leaked when turned on and a broken door frame on their bathroom accessible to children.
G- 2's - 6th left/left side had a child's sink, on the left side, with the hot water not working at the time of the visit.
J- Ga. PreK- 2nd left/right side had peeling paint near the child size sink, a missing light cover in the bathroom and a toilet that consistently ran during the time of the visit.
I- Private 4's-1st Right/Right side had a water mark o the ceiling near the back window and a floor boarder that was broken and accessible to children.

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: 2/13/2026

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

Comment
Playground observed to be clean on this date.

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, the following hazards were observed:

*Left Playground/Toddler had approximately one inch of mulch with four inches were required.
*Playground Right Side had approximately two inches of mulch when four inches were required.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

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, the following hazards were observed:

*Left Playground/Toddler had exposed tree roots causing a tripping hazard.
*Playground Right Side had a large area of expose concrete near the play structure causing a tripping hazard.It was further observed the tunnel slides and tunnel had chipped paint accessible to children.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Comment
Kitchen appeared clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation staff in E- Toddler 2A 4th left/left side failed to remind a child to wash their hands after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026

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

Comment
Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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) **Not Met**

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.

Finding
591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation on the van used to transport children, the fire extinguisher was observed to be in the red and needed to be recharged.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2026

Recited on 1/14/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
The correct number of mats, cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats and cots were discussed with the staff 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 four files for employees hired since last visit.

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
Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff annual training for 2025.

Comment
Discussed with the Director that Health and Safety Orientation Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date and is not to be taken every year but every five years.

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.