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Date: 5/21/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 5:00 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.
05/21/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/03/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2024	Initial Licensing Study	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
Building 1	2nd back Two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	Front 1st Right Preschool	Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	14	C	20	C	Free Play,Nap
Building 1	Middle Hall 2nd Left 3 yrs	Infants	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							
New Building	1st Left- Office		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
New Building	1st Right	GA PreK	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
New Building	2nd Left(4-5 year olds)		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
New Building	2nd Right (Elementary Room)	Five Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
New Building	School Age PG	39	C
New Building	Toddler PG	56	C

Comments

Technical Assistance Unit was notified. Additionally, it was observed that the Provider fell into Deficiency Status.

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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The following information is associated with a CI FollowUp:

	Facility
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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 observations that the following hazards were accessible to children in the new building Elementary Room:

- A desk with two unlocked drawers containing white out, stapler, push pins, and paper clips.
- Adult scissors sitting on the Teacher's desk
- A hole puncher sitting on top of the low shelf
- Antiseptic hand sanitizer in an aerosol can and Suave conditioner on a low shelf.

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 Center will add locks to the desk drawers.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Recited on 5/21/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

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 resilience. It was determined based on observation and measurements that on the School age Playground:

- * The mulch in the fall zones of the 5 feet high slide measured approximately 1 inch when at least 3 inches were required. Additionally, there were exposed tree roots under the slide exit.
- * The mulch in the fall zone of the 4 feet high slide measured approximately 1 inch when at least 3 inches were required.
- * The mulch under the climbing pole on the slide structure measured approximately 1 inch when at least 3 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: 5/30/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Recited on 5/21/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2025

.10(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, in that based on observations in Building 1 Middle Hall 2nd Left and Front 1st Right classrooms had exhausts and windows with screens for ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2025

.10(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, in that based on observations there was a diaper changing table in Building 1 2nd Back Two's classroom located near the bathroom.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the Infant Room that was labeled Not in Use at the Initial Licensing was in use with children present. Additionally the two-year-old room was moved from the licensed space into another space that was not measured. Additionally, the Playgrounds need to be re-measured as the capacities appear to be inaccurate in the system. An Amendment to Add Rooms/Playgrounds need to be submitted to the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Recited on 5/21/2025

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

Corrected on 5/21/2025

.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation was corrected on this date, in that based on observations the vehicle had head rests and six full size booster seats in a 12 passenger 1996 Econoline Clubwagon.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observations that two infants were sleeping on their stomachs with blankets wrapped around them in the cribs in Building 1 Middle Hall 2nd Left. Additionally, one infant was sleeping in a bouncy seat and not in a safety approved crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****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 observations that seven 3-year-old children and four children aged six to 12 were not supervised for sixty seconds in Building 1 Front 1st Right 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: 5/21/2025