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Date: 3/25/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM Departure: 1:00 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.
03/25/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/21/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/26/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	A-1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play
Main	B-1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	C-2L	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

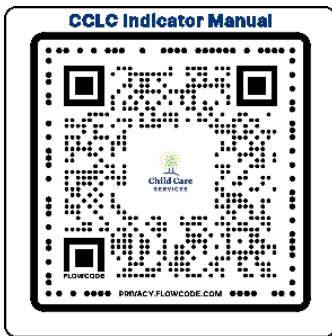
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	2	6	6	2	0	2

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that lesson plans are current and posted as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.03(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe children to be in confining equipment for more than 30 minutes on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the parental acknowledgement of no liability insurance statement are signed and filed in the children's records.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the ventilation fans in both bathrooms were observed to be in working order on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.19(1) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to maintain it's license capacity in each classroom.

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 potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom A- 1R

There was unlocked cabinet under the diapering surface with a spray can of Microban sanitizing spray located at the back left of the classroom.

Classroom B-1L

There were two plastic grocery bags and a pack of Huggies baby wipes inside the children's cubbies located at the front left of the classroom.

Classroom C- 2L

There was a plastic grocery bag and a bag of plastic bibs inside the children's cubbies located at the front left of the classroom.

There was an unlocked cabinet under the diapering surface with two packs of Parent's Choice baby wipes, a plastic grocery bag, and several packs of Pull Ups in plastic wrapping.

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: 3/25/2026

Recited on 3/25/2026

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the floor vent in classroom A to be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the chain link fence at the front right of the left playground measured four feet as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed there to be six inches of mulch under the red and blue climber on the left playground. The Consultant also observed the right playground swings to have been removed on this date.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that baby bottles are labeled with each child's first and last name.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the children's hands to be washed throughout the visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.17(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any diapering on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.37(b) - Previous citation corrected in that the Director was able to provide records for staff and children on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Center did not have documentation of conducting emergency drills for the months of January and February of 2026 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2026

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Met

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.30(1)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any children to fall asleep in a bouncer on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/1998

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.14(2)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have documentation of current CPR/ First Aid training as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.14(2)(d) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Director to have documentation of a current CPR and First Aid certificate on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the Staff hired on June 1, 1998, did not have documentation of completing four hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs); (ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants); (iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response); (iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment). It was determined based on a review of records that staff hired on August 8, 2019, did not have documentation of completing 10 hours of health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours of on-going child development and health and safety related topics and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2026

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to maintain appropriate supervision of children as required on this date.