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Date: 4/16/2026 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 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.
04/16/2026	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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 Building	Freshman A-3rd L-Younger 1's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Freshman B-1st L-1 year olds		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Freshman A-3rd L-Younger 1's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Freshman B-1st L-1 year olds		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Infant-2nd L-Infants		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Infants-2nd L-Infants	Infants	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Junior B-3rd R-older 3's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Juniors A-4th R-3-year-olds		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Juniors A-4th R-3-year-olds	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Juniors B-3rd R-older 3's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Pre-K 1R-Pre-k(4's)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Pre-K A-1st R-Pre-k (4's)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Pre-K B-2nd R-Pre-k (4's)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Pre-K-2nd R-Pre-k (4's)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Seniors-4th L-4's		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	

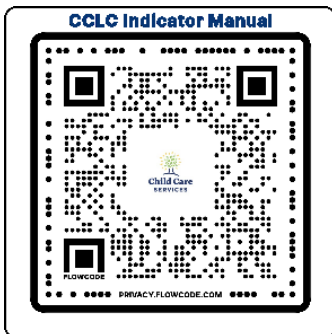
Main Building	Seniors-4th L-4's	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	Sophomore A-5th R-older 2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Sophomore B-5th R-older 2's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Sophomore B-6th R-Younger 2's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Sophomore-6th R-Younger 2's	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 400					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 49					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground A-1st L-infants/1's/2's	67	C
Main Building	Playground A-1st L-infants/1's/2's	67	C
Main Building	Playground B-Back-basketball area	33	C
Main Building	Playground B-Back-basketball area	33	C
Main Building	Playground C-2 years and up	34	C
Main Building	Playground C-2 years and up	34	C
Main Building	Playground D-2years-up	101	C
Main Building	Playground D-2years-up	101	C

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility carries liability insurance. The total capacity was 200.

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.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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. There was no pool on site.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 200 children.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

The consultant discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 each playground area had exposed sharp edges of concrete that needed leveling:

*Infant playground there was a walkway that had exposed sharp edges of concrete between the bucket swings area and the play structure area leading to the shaded area.

*The preschool and older playground on the hill coming down towards the greenhouse area along the walk way.

* The fenced area in the middle of the larger playground closest to the building along the walkway and around the blue covered sitting area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will level off the concrete edges on all the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed. An annual inspection and an inspection of the vehicle used, insurance, registration, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were also observed to be completed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant observed Fifteen (15) of fifteen (15) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2025). Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure cots are covered at all times, especially those cots left over after placing the children down for their nap.

Staff Records

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

Fifteen (15) of fifteen (15) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed evidence of 50% of center Staff certified in pediatric First Aid and CPR.

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**

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

