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Date: 5/14/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 2:00 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.
05/14/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
03/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/03/2025	Complaint Investigation & 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 Building	A - 1st Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up
Main Building	B - 2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	C - Back Center	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building	D - 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main Building	E-1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Pre-K Building	Left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Pre-K Building	Right	GA PreK	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks					
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Infant/Toddler Playground	8	C

Main Building	Playground	24	C
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Comments

Consultant followed up on previously cited rules on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/29/2025

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

		Facility
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591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were fourteen children in classroom B- 2nd Left when the maximum licensed capacity for that classroom was ten.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Recited on 5/14/2025

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 that the following hazardous items were accessible to children:

A-1st Left:

-There was a plastic grocery bag in a child's cubby.

Pre-K Building Right:

- There was a bottle of hand sanitizer on the teacher's desk.
- There was a box of gloves on the teacher's desk.
- There was a pack of wipes on the teacher's desk.
- There was a plunger and toilet bowl brush in the boys bathroom.
- There was a plunger in the girls bathroom.
- There was a plastic grocery bag in a child's cubby.

B - 2nd Left:

-There was a roll of duct tape with sharp rigid edges on a shelf next to the entrance.

E- 1st Right:

- There was a pack of wipes on a shelf next to the entrance.
- There was a box of gloves behind the diaper changing table.
- There was a pack of gloves behind the diaper changing table.
- There was a tube of diaper rash cream behind the diaper changing table.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Recited on 5/14/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2025

Corrected on 5/14/2025

.26(6) - This citation was corrected on this date.playground equipment was observed in good condition.

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 there was less than two inches of resilient surfacing under the swings and slides on Playground B when six inches was required.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Recited on 5/14/2025

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 large empty plastic bags from mulch were accessible under the play structure on playground B and accessible to the children. It was further determined that the black fabric net under the mulch was exposed and cause a potential tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025

Recited on 5/14/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that there was a box of Hyland's Cold and Cough on the teacher's desk in the Pre-K Building - Right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Corrected on 5/14/2025

.32(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. Staff:child ratios were observed to be compliant.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that there were 2-year-old children housed with 4-year-old children in the A-1st Left and B - 2nd Left classrooms when it was not the first or last hour of the day.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025