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Date: 3/26/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/26/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/27/2023	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 - 1L-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B - 2L-1's	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C -3L- Infants & 1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - 4's & Up	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E - Back R-4's &Up	GA PreK	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F -Front- 3's		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Back R - 3's	31	C
Main	Playground B - Back - 4 & Up	44	C
Main	Playground C - Left - Infants, 1's & 2'sr olds	13	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
0	3	7	9	22	9	0

Comments
The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous 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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2025
.12(2) - This citation has been have been corrected.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
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. It was determined based on review of children's records, three of five records did not include one or both parent's work addresses and two of five records did not include the address of the emergency contact person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Facility

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Finding
591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation, the flooring located in the GA-Pre-K girl's bathroom was badly worn and torn on either side of the toilet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Per director, the floor will be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

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

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:
(B) There was a four inch gap measured at the bottom of the the fence to the left side of the yellow slide, causing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Recited on 3/26/2025

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 and measuring the older playground located on the left back side of the playground was observed to have less than one inch of resilient surfacing when six 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: 4/9/2025

Recited on 3/26/2025

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 the following items needed repairing:
Playground (C) there were exposed tree roots to the left of the yellow slide.
Playground (B) there was a hole to the left of the sidewalk that measured 12 inches length by three inches deep.

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: 4/9/2025

Recited on 3/26/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
The kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
No medication is being dispensed at this time.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
The program was observed complete emergency drills as required.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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
The center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
The center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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 review of staff records the director did not have evidence of completed food and nutrition training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The director will schedule and food preparation training, as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

Finding
91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of staff records, the director did not complete 10 hours of annual training for the year 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 10 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training,.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

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

Comment
The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision was observed on this date.