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**Date:** 7/9/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

**CCLC-49073**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                           |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/09/2026                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/19/2026                         | Complaint Closure                         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/09/2026                         | Complaint Investigation & 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         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Main                            | A Infants      | Infants                                   | 2     | 10       | C                               | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play    |
| Main                            | B Infants      | Infants                                   | 1     | 4        | C                               | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play     |
| Main                            | C One's        | One Year Olds                             | 2     | 11       | C                               | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story         |
| Main                            | D Two's        | Two Year Olds                             | 2     | 11       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art           |
| Main                            | E Two's        | Two Year Olds                             | 2     | 9        | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story         |
| Main                            | F Three's      | Three Year Olds                           | 1     | 9        | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Snack         |
| Main                            | G Three's      | Three Year Olds                           | 1     | 11       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | H After School | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 8        | C                               | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | I Four's       | Four Year Olds                            | 2     | 13       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story         |
| Main                            | J Four's       | Four Year Olds                            | 2     | 11       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story         |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188 |                |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |            |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 97  |                |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188 |            |              |            |              |               |
|                                 |                |                                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |            |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 53                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 59                   | C                     |
| Main     | C          | 38                   | C                     |

**Comments**

A follow up visit was completed on 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.dec.al.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](http://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](mailto: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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

|  |               |
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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Not Met**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of Transportation training for the Director.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026**

**Recited on 7/9/2026**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
|--|----------------------|

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

**Not Met**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on review of records that 1 staff did not have evidence of First Aid/CPR training within 45 days of hire on file.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026**

**Recited on 7/9/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 3/9/2026**

Corrected on 7/9/2026

.14(2)(b) - At least one staff person in each class had evidence of current first aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

.14(2)(d) - Evidence of current first aid and CPR training observed.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2026

Corrected on 7/9/2026

.33(1) - Director will ensure that all evidence of orientation is signed at the time of completion.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics:

a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of the Health and Safety training within 90 days from hire for five staff.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Recited on 7/9/2026

**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 records that there was no evidence of four hours Nutrition training for the Director.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2026

Recited on 7/9/2026

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- Annual training will be evaluated at the next licensing study visit.

**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: 4/8/2026

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(1)- Annual training will be evaluated at the next licensing study visit.

**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 in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

