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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/17/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/02/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
04/22/2026	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 - Infant One 6weeks-6 months	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	B - Infant two 6-12 months	One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	C - Toodler 1 12-16 months	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D - Toddler Two 16-20 months	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch
Main	E - Toddler 3 20-24 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F - Two's one 24-28 months	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Outside
Main	G - Two's two 28-32 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H - Two's-three's 32-36 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I - Preschool I 36-42 months	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J - Preschool II 42-48 months	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	K - School Age 5 to 12		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L - Pre- K		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 74		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Infant	5	C
Main	Playground B Toddler	72	C
Main	Playground C Preschool	75	C
Main	Playground D School Age	18	C

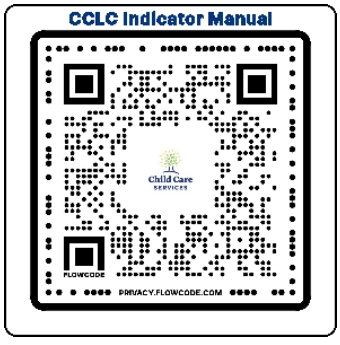
Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	22	23	18	18	0	3

Comments

Be sure to enter all temporary closures by 7 a.m. (vacation, emergencies, school closures, inclement weather, holidays etc…) in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is temporarily closed when you are not caring for children for one or more days. Be sure to SAVE the report before exiting.
All amendments are required to be electronically submitted in DECAL KOALA.
Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.
All programs: Please ensure that the director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment. (if applicable)

Please remember that the transportation training certificates must be completed prior to participating in transportation and renewed every two years for anyone checking the vehicle, chaperoning on a trip, and signing the checklist, including the director. Please ensure that directors complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center. Please ensure to contact your consultant for guidance if you have not been conducting transportation before you plan to conduct transportation in the future. (if applicable)
**There is a free Transportation Training available on OLLI in Georgia PDS (GaPDS). Health and Safety Orientation Training 15-hour course is available free online in OLLI (staff must successfully complete all three trainings to meet licensing requirements). PLEASE NOTE: If the Health & Safety Orientation Training date is outside of the previous 12 months, the training was not approved for 10 credit hours, or the training certificate is not documented in the employee's GaPDS account, the Staff person will be required to take this training again, within their first 90 days of employment at a new facility. Reminder: Health and Safety Orientation Training can only be taken once every five years.
Discussed indicator manual and utilizing it.
Discussed regarding ensuring to complete rechecks for Criminal Records checks at least 90 days before the five-year expiration. Suggestion: Check monthly or sooner to ensure that staff's criminal records checks are not expiring.
Don't forget to post a new license annually.
Discussed regarding nap/crib mats regarding not using tape to repair; must replace (if applicable).
Updates beginning July 1, 2026: The new CRC process requires that every program sign a form called the Georgia National Child Protection Act/Volunteers for Children Act (NCPA/VCA) Public Qualified Entity Certification Statement. This statement must be signed by both the owner and the director of the childcare entity. Not signing the statement will prevent your program from receiving background check determination letters after July 1, 2026, and until the requirement has been fulfilled.
Recent Changes/Updates: Core Rule: CPR and First Aid will be due within 45 days. 2 hours of Language and Literacy/2 hours of Health and Safety training annually beginning July 1, 2025, a required for all staff. Also, SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Syndrome formerly SIDS) must be included on the orientation checklist along with abusive head trauma. **Please don't forget to add to your childcare policies and procedures concerning expulsion, suspension, and practices followed to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.
Provided Chop, Look, Listen Information

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.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that all equipment with peeling vinyl or not in good repair is removed from the I - Preschool | 36-42 months classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that cabinets are locked at all times in the D-Toddler Two 16-20 months classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

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 there was a deflated pool, a hose, and rolled up mat which presented a tripping hazard on the path to the Toddler playground from the H- Two's-three's 32-36 months classroom and a rolled up mat which presented a tripping hazard on the path leading to the Toddler playground from the E-Toddler 3 20-24 classroom.

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. The provider removed the items during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed to not be served to prevent choking:
-C - Toddler 1 12-16 months: The bread, meat balls and broccoli were not cut into half inch pieces or smaller.
-D - Toddler Two 16-20 months: The green beans were not cut into one-half inch pieces or smaller.
-F - Two's one 24-28 months: The meat balls, and green beans were not cut into one-half inch pieces or smaller.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. The cook stated that they will ensure to cut the food items to the appropriate size before bringing to the classrooms. Management will monitor weekly to ensure that the appropriate food size is used when food is served.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the padding on the diaper changing table was observed to be non-pourous in that the coating had worn off exposing the sponge below in the C - Toddler 1 12-16 months and F - Two's one 23-28 months classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change. The director ordered the changing pads during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

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
Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

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 lockdown drill had not be completed since July 2025 and had not been completed for 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years. The director stated that the lock down drill will be completed by June 18, 2026, and December 18, 2026. The director will also highlight the months that the drills are due to be completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

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

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.
-Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10-year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the childcare industry.
-Please ensure that all staff, volunteers, independent contractors, substitutes, therapists, etc…has their records check electronically ported to the center's list in KOALA before being present at the facility.
-Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six-month (180 calendar days) break in service from the childcare industry.
-Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.
-Ensure that all therapists and other independent contractors have an updated records check on file, before being present at the center or home or ensure that the individual is supervised at all times by a staff member who has a comprehensive records check if they do not have a records check on file.
-Please ensure that staff with a national background check is always present with a staff member who has a comprehensive background check. Staff should never be by themselves.

Comment
Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2026

Corrected on 6/17/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The director stated that they had a staff meeting regarding supervision and the doors to the classrooms. A reminder message was sent to parents regarding being mindful when leaving the room. The doors are checked daily and the classrooms monitored for supervision issues related to the doors in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Corrected on 6/17/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Discussed mealtime supervision with the staff and director.