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**Date:** 7/30/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 07/30/2026 | POI Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 06/15/2026 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |
| 05/19/2026 | 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.

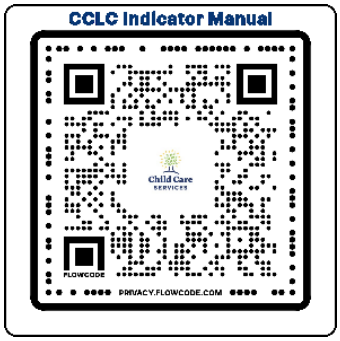
**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**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: Infant A | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 6 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Diapering |
| Main | B: Infant B | Infants | 4 | 7 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Feeding,Floor Play |
| Main | C: Fours | Four Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Story |
| Main | D: Threes | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 12 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | E: Two A | Two Year Olds | 2 | 15 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | F: Two B | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C | 24 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | G: Ones B | One Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | H: One A | One Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 85 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | A: Crawlers (Left) | 16 | C |
| Main | B: Walkers (Middle) | 18 | C |
| Main | C: Older (Right) | 20 | C |

**Comments**
The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Assistant Director 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.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.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.

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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.

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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 POI Follow Up:**

## Policies and Procedures

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/29/2026**

**Corrected on 7/30/2026**
**.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Assistant Director stated the Owner, Director and herself have discussed being sure they make sure they submit required reports immediately so that they are reported within 24 hours. The Assistant Director had also started to submit a required report on this date for an incident that occurred in the morning.**

## Safety

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/29/2026**

**Corrected on 7/30/2026**
**.11(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed staff members in the classrooms sitting with children at naptime, patting or rubbing their backs. The Assistant Director stated the Staff Memer that had used innappropriate discipline with a 1-year-old child had been terminated immediately. The administration team also reviewed appropriate and inappropriate discipline and behaviors in each classroom and required staff to complete additional training, including further mandated reporting to ensure they are comfortable reporting incidents if needed in the future.**