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Date: 6/5/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/24/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
03/06/2025	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-1L	Infants	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-4L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Transitioning
Main	E-5L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F-3R GA PreK	Six Year Olds and Over	3	18	C	31	C	44	C	Story
Main	G-2R GA PreK	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	25	C	Art
Main	H-1R GA PreK		0	0	C	19	C	26	C	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128					
Total # Children this Date: 61		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side	40	C
Main	Right Side	39	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	16	7	8	17	0	28

Comments
Consultant reviewed staff and children's files.

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:

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@decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Staff # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that chairs are not stacked to prevent possible tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Staff # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Records Reviewed: 5	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that parents who list a workplace also list the workplace address and phone.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Facility

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

Staff # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

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 based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to the children:
C-3L:
-There was an unlocked cabinet with a bottle of fragrance oil.

E-5L:
-There was a plastic grocery bag hanging in the children's storage area.
-There was a broom and a plunger in the right bathroom.
-There was a broom and push mop on the left bathroom.

F-3R:
-There were black plastic trash bags in the children's cubby area.
-There was a bottle of Kid's Sunscreen in a child's cubby.
-There was a bag of garden soil on the floor under the cubby storage.
-There was a Bissell vacuum by the entrance door.
-There was a small vacuum in front of the right bathroom.
-There were two ziploc bags with the plastic slider in the children's cubby.
-There was a mop and toilet brush in the left bathroom.
-There was a toilet brush in the right bathroom.

G-2R:
-There were cords accessible next to the blue chair.
-There were plastic grocery bags in the children's cubby.
-There were two brooms, a dust pan, toilet brush, and a push mop in the bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that gaps in the playground fence do not pose a potential hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Food Service

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

Staff # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition — **Met**

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that the diaper changing table rails do not have peeling paint.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that there was a bag of cereal, lunchbag, and a child's cup on the diaper changing surface in classroom C-3L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children did not wash hands after eating meals in classroom C-3L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

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 Excedrin in an unlocked cabinet in classroom C-3L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Policies and Procedures

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

Staff # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices — Met

Comment
Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting — Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Corrected on 6/5/2025
.29(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the center director.

Safety

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

Staff # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Corrected on 6/5/2025
.11(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Appropriate interactions were observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no load or unload indicated for two children transported on the afternoon route from Dorsett Shoals Elementary School to the center on May 19, 2025, May 20, 2025, and May 21, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Staff # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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 # 6 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #6 who was identified as a therapist and located in classroom F-3R was not ported electronically as required before being present at the childcare center while children were in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will port all required staff each time to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review CRC requirements to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment
Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

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 # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.