



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 1/1/0001 VisitType:

Arrival:

Departure:

Exemption Unit Consultant

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Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding 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

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- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
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- 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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:**Activities and Equipment****591-1-1-.03 Activities****Met****Comment**

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Evening Care**591-1-1-.03 Activities****N/A****Comment**

591-1-1-.03(15) - No evening care hours provided

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CS)****N/A****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CS)	Met
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Comment

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CS)	Met
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Comment

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CS)	Met
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Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)	Met
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Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CS)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/10/2025

Corrected on 6/23/2026

.17(2) - Previous citation is associate with a complaint investigation and was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 two children did not wash their hands after being diapered in classroom C- Amber.

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: 6/23/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff person did not change their gloves or wash their hands after diapering two children in classroom C- Amber.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handshaking, train Staff on the handshaking requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handshaking.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CS)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CS)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CS)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CS)**Met****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all stained infant sheets are removed from infant cribs.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Storage of cots and mats were discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2026

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CS)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #15 did not have the minimum two hours of language and literacy training as the director was not able to show proof of training when requested.

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: 7/23/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)(2)(i)-(iv) requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs); (ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants); (iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response); (iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment). It was determined based on a review of records that staff #1 did not have the minimum two hours of child development and health and safety training as the director was not able to show proof of training when requested.

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 of on-going child development and health and safety related topics and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CS)

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(CS)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CS)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.