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Date: 9/28/2026 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/28/2026	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
08/25/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
08/07/2026	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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 : Preschool (3+)	Infants	1	1	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B: Toddler (2's)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	C - Infants (0 - 23 months)		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 7		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	13	C

Enrolled Children

Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only

Comments
The investigation was not completes on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the outcome.

A copy of the Indicator Manual and Training FAQ handout were shared on this date. Consultant recommended PDS training on Core Rules and Supervision.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.

Compliance at a Glance

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.03(2) - Previous citation was corrected as current lesson plans were available in all rooms.

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.19(1) - Previous citation was corrected as the license capacity was observed to be met in all rooms.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected as no hazards were observed to be accessible to the children.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate on the back wall of the fence was not fully closed leaving a gap approximately 5 inches wide. The right side of the playground fence had a fence panel missing, creating a gap that could entrap children or allow them to exit the playground. The back fence had exposed screws with sharp edges on the inside of the fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Director had started working on the repairs. The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2026

Recited on 9/28/2026

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.15(2) - Previous citation was corrected as complete Infant Feeding Plans were observed in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.15(9) - Previous citation was corrected as the Director stated proper knowledge of modified diets.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.07(5) - Previous citation was corrected as no attachments were observed on the pacifiers and Staff stated proper knowledge.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.10(4) - Previous citation was corrected as the diapering pads were observed to be smooth and non-porous and Staff stated proper knowledge of cleaning and disinfecting.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.17(2) - Previous citation was corrected as Staff stated proper knowledge of how to keep children dry, clean and comfortable.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.20(1) - Previous citation was corrected as the Director stated proper knowledge of documentation for emergency medication.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.20(3) - Previous citation was corrected as there was no current medication on site and the Director stated proper knowledge of keeping medication records.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected as current Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Checks were observed for all Staff.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.32(4) - Previous citation was corrected as the Director stated proper knowledge of mixing of ages.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2026

Corrected on 9/28/2026
.32(7) - Previous citation was corrected as adequate supervision was observed and Staff stated proper knowledge.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed playground supervision and supervision during meal times for children 36 months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2026