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Date: 5/20/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/20/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/21/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/02/2025	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 Building	Rm. B- 4's	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	Room A- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 23		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground	24	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
0	0	0	12	11	0	1

Comments
The exit conference was conducted with the Director.

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.

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment
Age-appropriate toys observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that there were 2 bouncy houses that were being used for Field Day activities. Consultant also observed a mini trampoline on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that only approved equipment is used at the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.12(7) requires that toys that launch projectiles, such as dart guns, pop guns, slingshots, etc., not be allowed in the Center and balloons not be accessible to preschool children. It was determined based on observation that there were 5 inflated latex balloons on the floor in the dramatic play area of Room A-3's.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center director will ensure that preschool children do not have access to balloons and shall not allow toys that launch projectiles in the Center by implementing a policy, training Staff, and monitoring on an ongoing basis.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

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

Comment
Administration Personnel stated that the Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Not Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Finding
591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom vent in the bathroom between Room A-3's and Room B-4's was inoperable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

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) **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 a pair of of adult scissors and a can of Febreeze air freshener were accessible to children in Room B-4's as they were left in an unlocked drawer in the teacher's desk.

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: 5/20/2026

Recited on 5/20/2026

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 playground gate located at the back of the playground had a 4 inch gap, and the gate located on the side of playground had a 4.5 inch gap. Furthermore, the the back playground gate also had a 6 inch gap at the bottom of the gate. Lastly, the wooden fence that is located in the middle of the playground had a 5 inch gap at the bottom of the fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
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: 5/29/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the large play truck located in the center of the mulched area of the playground had rotten/broken wood, which exposed a large hole at the bottom of the truck.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

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 the playground had the following hazardous items:

- Exposed black tarp on the mulched area of the playground posed a tripping hazard.
- Exposed roots on the side of the mulched area of the playground also posed a tripping hazard.
- There were exposed holes on the exterior part of the building which was located on the playground. The holes were accessible to the children.
- Exposed black drainage pipes were also observed. There posed a tripping hazard to the children.
- The bottom of the stairs on the playground route had a large hole which posed as a potential entrapment hazard.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2026

Food Service

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

Finding
591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child’s age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on observation that there were whole grapes and whole strawberries in one of the children's lunch boxes in the three-year-old Room A-3's classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
No children enrolled who require diapering.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that the children's sinks have warn running water.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2026

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation. Discussed proper documentation for field trips with the Director.

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, storing, and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the Director on this date. Please ensure that the children's cots are covered to ensure that they are inaccessible to children.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal Record Checks were observed to be complete. Discussed with the Director to ensure that they are mindful of upcoming Criminal Records Check expiration dates.

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

Comment
At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

Comment
Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Discussed that the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include the following:
- At least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices.
- At least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics.

Technical Assistance
Discussed with the Director to ensure that the Center provides orientation in all subjects to the Employee(s) and takes steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2026

Technical Assistance
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track the Health and Safety Orientation Training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Technical Assistance
The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed by the Director and the appropriate staff.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

Technical Assistance
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2026

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**

Comment
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.