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**Date:** 2/2/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 02/02/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/11/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/31/2025                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**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                            | Rm # 17A            | One Year Olds                                        | 3     | 9        | C                               | 22         | C            | 30         | C            | Transitioning, Lunch, Diapering                             |
| Main                            | Rm # 17B (AS)       |                                                      | 0     | 0        | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Not In Use                                                  |
| Main                            | Rm #1 Pre-School    | GA PreK                                              | 2     | 16       | C                               | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Transitioning                                        |
| Main                            | Rm #11 Senior Tod A | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 15       | C                               | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Lunch, Clean Up, Nap                         |
| Main                            | Rm #2 Senior Tod B  | Two Year Olds                                        | 2     | 11       | C                               | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Transitioning, Clean Up, Nap                         |
| Main                            | Rm #3 Jr. Tod       | One Year Olds                                        | 1     | 5        | C                               | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Lunch, Transitioning                                   |
| Main                            | Rm #4 - Infant      | Infants and One Year Olds                            | 2     | 9        | C                               | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Feeding, Free Play, Nap, Floor Play, Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132 |                     |                                                      |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 148 |            |              |            |              |                                                             |
| Total # Children this Date: 65  |                     |                                                      |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 148 |            |              |            |              |                                                             |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A- infants   | 15                   | C                     |
| Main     | B- 3's & up  | 59                   | C                     |
| Main     | C - Toddlers | 50                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 9                 | 31      | 24      | 10      | 1       | 21                 | 36                |

#### Comments

The Consultant discussed the findings with the Center Director and emailed a copy for signature through Docu Sign.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decgal.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](http://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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



## 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 activities observed throughout the center.

#### Comment

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

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the red sofa located in the PreK classroom is worn and peeling. Additionally, 1 black sofa located in the After School classroom has a 5 inch and a 3 inch rip exposing foam and accessible to the children and five places that are work and beginning to peel. Furthermore, a black rocker chair located in the After School Classroom is worn and peeling on the seat of the chair.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

#### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

#### Comment

The Consultant observed 65 children to be present and 65 children to be signed in.

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|-----------------|
| <b>Facility</b> |
|-----------------|

**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 on this date. The Consultant observed 65 children present during this visit.

**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 1 toilet brush was stored in the bathroom of Sr. Toddler B and accessible to the 2, 3, and 4-year-old children. Additionally, 1 toilet plunger was stored in the bathroom of Sr. Toddler A and a staff purse was stored on the top of a white cabinet in the back of the classroom and accessible to the 2-year-old children.

**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: 2/12/2026**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

The Consultant observed 9 of 9 infant feeding plans to be completed thoroughly and the form up to date.

**Comment**

The Consultant observed infant bottles to be labeled with the child's name and dated for today's date.

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**Comment**

The Consultant observed that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2026**

**Comment**

The Consultant observed that Center Personnel were monitoring children during lunch do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and were chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children were seated when eating. Children disposed of left over food then, had a bathroom break, and washed hands before laying down for a nap.

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2026**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Consultant observed Center policies and procedures to include expulsion and suspension of children within described behavior.

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2026**

**Comment**

The Consultant observed Center policies and procedures included a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2026**

**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**

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

**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.

**Comment**

The Consultant observed staff to be sitting at the table or within arms length of children during lunch.