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**Date:** 9/15/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 09/15/2025 | Initial 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 | LEFT Righ Rear GA -Pre-K | GA PreK | 2 | 10 | C | 24 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | LEFT BACK-Preschool | Three Year Olds | 1 | 4 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Left Entrance-After School | | 0 | 0 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Left Side-Two Year old | Two Year Olds | 1 | 2 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | RIGHT REAR-PREK | GA PreK | 2 | 7 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Right Side Entrance-One Year Olds | | 0 | 0 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rightside-Infants | Infants | 1 | 2 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 25 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | PLAYGROUND FRONT | 21 | C |
| Main | SIDE PLAYGROUND | 31 | C |

**Comments**
A final license was not issued on this date based on the number of citations and a final fire inspection dated within the past twelve months. A temporary license was issued. The facility does carry liability insurance.

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.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.

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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 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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<u>Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients.</u> 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 techincal assistance is available!**

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**The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:**

## Activities and Equipment

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

**Comment**
Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**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 chairs in the classrooms with the exception of infants, ones and two's were rusted and needed repair. Also, the shelves in all the classrooms except for the infant classroom had chipped paint and marks which required repair or replacement.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children and that all tables, chairs and shelves are without rust and chipped wood and paint.

**Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025**

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

**Comment**
Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

## Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

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

**Comment**
The Consultant advised the provider to ensure that all records were completely filled out.

## Facility

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

**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 bathrooms in the Pre-School, Pre-K and Afterschool area were not enclosed and the ventilation fans were not working.

**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: 11/14/2025**

**Technical Assistance**
The consultant discussed with the provider that toilet tissue was required in each bathroom.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025**

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

**Comment**
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 142 children.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that both playgrounds had thorny bushes and branches hanging over and through the fence causing a hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The harmful item will be removed. The Provider advised that they will have their lawncare team remove all branches and thorny bushes and branches from the fences surrounding the playgrounds.

**Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025**

**Technical Assistance**
The Consultant advised the provider that there was a grease smell at the entrance of the school, a urine smell in the bathroom in the afterschool area as well as the two-year old classroom. The provider was advised that these areas should be cleaned to ensure that the odor is not smelled in those areas.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025**

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

**Comment**
The consultant advised the provider to tighten the space in the gate near the afterschool playground that is connected to the air conditioning unit.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025**

**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 two yellow horses and the blue and red wheels on the wooden structure needed repainting. The chains on the bucket swings were rusted and other play equipment on both equipment was faded and needed replacement or removal.

**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. The owner advised that he is replacing all the equipment and remodeling the complete playground.

**Correction Deadline: 11/14/2025**

## Food Service

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

**Comment**
The Consultant discussed with the Provider that the kitchen door should be closed at all times and a half door at least 4 feet tall would be acceptable to ensure no children have access to that area.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing surface was porous and needed replacement.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers.  Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 10/15/2025**

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

**Comment**
The provider discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

## 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**
The Consultant observed the vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and  the fire extinguisher.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**
Consultant observed Six(6) of six (6) cribs  were observed meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2012. Center requests to keep the capacity at the maximum capacity in the event of an overflow. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

**Technical Assistance**
The Consultant discussed with the provider that although the parents are responsible for covers for each individual child the center is required to have extra on site for use.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025**

## Staff Records

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

**Comment**
Ten (10) of ten (10) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**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-.31 Staff(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on observation that the Director had gace score and documentation for a paraprofessional certificate but not the actual documentation required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 10/15/2025**

## 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.