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Date: 6/24/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:40 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/24/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/05/2025	ILS with Final License Date	Good Standing	
04/17/2025	Initial 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	Room 1 J 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning
Main	Room 10 A Infants to 9 mnths	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Room 2 I 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 4 G Infants to 12 mnths		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5 F 3 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 6 E 4 year olds	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers, Nap, Free Play
Main	Room 7 C Afterschool	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room B 9 10mth to 18mth	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room D 12mnths to 23 mnths	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1A LargePreschool-School age	53	C
Main	Small-Infant/Toddler	19	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	17	19	13	13	0	19

Comments

June 24, 2025--Technical Assistance provided for choking prevention.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.dec.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

Required toys and materials were observed during the visit on this date.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed ratios required for the Center to maintain for water related activities in water less than two feet deep: Staff:child ratios as follows to provide supervision of water related activities in water less than two feet deep: under 1 year = 1:6, under 18 months/not walking = 1 : 6, 1 year/walking = 1:8, 2 years = 1:10, 3 years = 1:15, 4 years = 1:18, 5 years = 1:20, 6 years and older = 1:25.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

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 room I had an exhaust fan that 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. Exhaust fans will be operable in all rooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2025

Recited on 6/24/2025

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the caps remained over the screws present at the bottom of toilets and to ensure any components present did not have rust present. Also, the Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure any trash cans with liners that had an excess amount of plastic were tied up so that a suffocation or choking hazard was not posed.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the green surface that covered exposed concrete remained in good repair and any exposed concrete was recovered and if a waterhose was present from water play to ensure it was wound up after use.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that center Personnel shall ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that food shall 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 four (4) years of age and older 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.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

The correction was observed on this date and the Consultant's that conducted the initial licensing study stated pictures were received that reflected the correction, as well.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed during the visit on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2025

Corrected on 6/24/2025

The correction was observed during the visit on this date. All sheets were observed to be tight-fitted.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director that children shall be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2025