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Date: 7/22/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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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.
07/22/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/29/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/05/2023	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	112	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A 113	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B 115	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 117	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D 119	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	20	C	Centers
Main	E 121	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	24	C	Circle Time
Main	F 120	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G 118	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	H 116	Infants	1	2	C	10	C	14	C	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130					
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	49	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	16	22	19	13	0	0

Comments

Discussed rule changes effective July 1, 2025.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.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 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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

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

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.

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 the following hazards were accessible to the children:

* Room 113- Adult scissors, push pins, permanent markers, and white out were left in an unlocked drawer and were accessible to the children.

* Room 115- A spray bottle of bleach water and empty plastic bags were stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink, and coco butter lotion left in a child's cubby. Additionally, there was an unlocked drawer with push pins, a stapler, and a air freshener plug in left accessible to the children.

*Room 121- A bag of empty trash bags and a teachers personal bag was left accessible to children. Additionally the red storage cabinet was left unlocked leaving hand sanitizer and multipurpose cleaner accessible to children

*Room 112-A teacher's purse was left in the bottom cubby compartment accessible to 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. Staff moved the hazardous items while consultant was still present.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Recited on 7/22/2025

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

Not Met

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 there were mushrooms on the smaller playground, by the left side of the fence. Additionally, there were tree fruits on the ground of the large playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will develop a system of inspecting the playgrounds and removing any potentially hazardous plants before the children go outside.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Recited on 7/22/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.18(5) - The previous citation was corrected the refrigerator was at 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the freezer was at negative three degrees Fahrenheit.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Discussed that there should be no attachments to the pacifiers.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.10(1) - The previous citation was corrected as the exhausts were in working condition in classrooms 113,115,119,118, and 116.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed that the diaper pad with a tear on the side in room F-120 needs to be replaced.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Organization**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.16(f) - The previous citation was corrected as an amendment application for classrooms 118 and 116, the chapel and the activity room was submitted.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that six cribs in classrooms 116 and 118 were manufactured in June of 2011 and there was no verification of the actual date in June and no verification of compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards. There was no incident or injury.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

Staff Records

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 12 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/13/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 16 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 17 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 13 had a satisfactory comprehensive background check on file as of March 24, 2025 under a different license number that was portable but not ported as required. Additionally, it was determined that Staff # 1 had a satisfactory comprehensive background check as of October 15, 2024 under a different license number that was portable but not ported as required. Both staff members were present in the activity room with children in the capacity of coaches. No additional staff was present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review all staff records to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review all rules and regulations to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.14(2) - the previous citation was corrected, one staff member in each classroom had a current CPR and first aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of Initial Staff Orientation for two staff.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their staff's assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Recited on 7/22/2025

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - The previous citation was corrected one staff member in each classroom had their CPR and First aid training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) - Discussed with provider to ensure all required health and safety orientation training is completed within 90-days of hire date.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Corrected on 7/22/2025

.33(4) - The previous citation was corrected as the Director had resigned and the the new Director will complete within 12 months of hire.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4) - Discussed with provider to ensure that children under three years old are housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.