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**Date:** 8/14/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 08/14/2025 | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 03/31/2025 | 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 | A: Twos (Left Side) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | B: Twos Right Side) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | C: Threes | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | D: Fours | Four Year Olds | 1 | 14 | C | 41 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | E: Threes | Three Year Olds | 1 | 13 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | F: Threes | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | G:Infant | Infants | 2 | 11 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Diapering,Feeding |
| Main | H: Infant (Front) | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 5 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | I: Ones (Right) | One Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | J: Infants (Right) | Infants and One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 9 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 85 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Playground A (Twos/Threes) | 71 | C |
| Main | Playground B (Back) | 100 | C |
| Main | Playground C (Right) | 25 | C |

| Enrolled Children | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Under 1 years** | **1 years** | **2 years** | **3 years** | **4 years** | **5 years (Prekonly)** | **5 years and older** |
| 22 | 16 | 17 | 22 | 16 | 0 | 0 |

**Comments**
The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. The Complaint was not closed on site due to additional information was needed.

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.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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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 techincal assistance is available!**

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

## Activities and Equipment

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

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

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

**Comment**
Center does not provide swimming activities.

## Facility

**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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant and Provider discussed proper storage of hazards and ensuring that items that posed as a potential hazard were not accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025**

**Corrected on 8/14/2025**
**.25(14) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed Classroom B, Classroom C, Classroom D, and Classroom G to have functioning overhead lights on this date.**

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

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the resilient surfacing beneath the equipment and the fall zones were adequately maintained as required.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2025**

**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 there were metal pipes against the side of the building on the Playground B. It was further determined that the pvc pipe surrounding the swings were disconnected causing a potential tripping hazard on Playground C.

**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: 8/29/2025**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water before preparing a bottle for an infant and feeding an infant as required in Classroom G. It was further determined that a staff member did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering an infant child in Classroom G.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025**

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## 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)** **N/A**

**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.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 8** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

**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**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.