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Date: 8/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/05/2024	Monitoring Visit	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	1L-A-Front Left		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	1L-B-Left	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R-A-Front Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R-B- Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L-A- Front Pre-K		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L-B-Afterschool	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R-A- Front Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R-B-Back Right	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			160		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side Toddler	24	C
Main	Right Side - Afterschool	44	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	4	4	8	18	3	7

Comments

Consultant discussed the new rule changes that went into effect July 1, 2025.

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.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!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the director to please ensure the cloth furniture, such as the the children sized furniture, is cleaned and disinfected regularly

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025

Prior Visits: 05/13/2024

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger, toilet brush) out of reach of children.

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 the following hazards were observed:

-classroom 2R-A there was an unlocked cabinet with baby wipes accessible to children.

-classroom 2R-B there was an unlocked cabinet, under the sink, with bleach and multiple cleaning solutions accessible to children.

-classroom 1L-B there were hand sanitizer, adult scissors and lotion on the counter accessible to children.

-classroom 2L- B there were hand sanitizer, adult stapler, sanitizing wipes and baby wipes sitting on the table accessible to children, Also observed, there was the first aid kit bag sitting on top of the cubby and an unlocked storage closet with cots and a swifter mop 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025**Prior Visits: 07/12/2022****Recited on 8/22/2025****Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025****Prior Visits: 01/14/2025****Corrected on 8/22/2025**

.25(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all toilets in classroom 2R-A to be repaired and in working order.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation the left side of the fence had a hole that measured 8 inches wide and 6 inches tall with sharp fencing material all around. The hole was observed to be an entrapments hazard to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025**Prior Visits: 02/18/2022****Recited on 8/22/2025****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements the following hazards were observed:

-Right Side Afterschool Playground had two blue slides, a green slide and tan stairs that measured approximately 5 feet tall with 1 inch of mulch when 6 inches are required. two tire swings were observed with approximately 1 inch of mulch when 6 inches were required.

-Left Side Toddler, four infant swings were observed to be approximately 3.5 feet high from the ground with grass and no resilient surface, when at least 6 inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2025**Prior Visits: 02/18/2022****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with the director to tape or rope off any outdoor equipment that is not in use or under repairs such as the broken tire swings.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025**Prior Visits: 02/18/2022****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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(1) - Discussed with the director documentation for emergency medication. Consultant discussed that an action plan is needed to be included in the paperwork and a specific description on why the medication is needed to be given.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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 eight files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

Prior Visits: 01/14/2025

Corrected on 8/22/2025

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed CPR Certification for all new staff.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

Prior Visits: 05/13/2024

Corrected on 8/22/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff that were missing Health and Safety Orientation were no longer employed.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(1) - Discussed with the director to ensure staff are not leaving the classroom or playground area with a staff that is over ratio. Consultant recommended staff call to management when they are in need.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed with the director to please ensure that staff are actively walking the playground during their outside play time.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025