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Date: 7/25/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:50 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Childcare Network #245

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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.
07/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/25/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/22/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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	A/1R	Infants	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	B/2R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C/3R		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D/ Mid R	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E/1L		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F/2L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G/2L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H/Back/1L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I/Back/2L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J/Back/3L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K/Back/1R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	57	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG/A/Front/1R	8	C
Main	PG/C/Right	67	C
Main	PG/D/R Back	260	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	12	11	10	14	0	27

Comments

Consultant provided contact information on this date.

Consultant discussed with the Director to complete an Amendment for the School Age back right classroom on this date,

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 LS:

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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)

Met

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024****Prior Visits: 12/21/2022****Corrected on 7/25/2025****Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed adequate resilient surfacing under swings on this date.****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 observations the back left play ground area was observed to have on this date:

- * broken tree branches throughout the back and right side of the play ground
- * pine cones throughout the back play ground area
- * rust and chipping on the bouncy play structures (left-side play ground)
- * cracked lid on the top of one of the bouncy play structure (left-side play ground)
- * cracked windows on five windows on the left side of the building
- * tree branches hanging over the white fence on the left side play ground area

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: 7/25/2025**Prior Visits: 12/05/2023**

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/25/2024****Prior Visits: 11/22/2024****Corrected on 7/25/2025****Previous citation corrected. Consultant discussed with the Director their practices about notifying the parents about incidents that occur at the facility involving children in care on this date.**

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****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observations that the 2L and the Middle R classrooms did not have adequate warm water on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Prior Visits: 08/02/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2024

Prior Visits: 11/22/2024

Corrected on 7/25/2025

Consultant observed a temporary solution by using black tape to cover the tears on the transportation vehicle on this date. Pre discussion with the Director the tape is only a temporary solution and the seats have to be recovered by a certified vendor.

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

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.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all current staff on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates. Per discussion with the Director the Staff is scheduled for an upcoming First Aid/CPR class.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2024 on this date.

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.