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Date: 7/27/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/27/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
06/17/2026	Licensing Study	Deficient
06/02/2026	Incident Investigation Closure	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

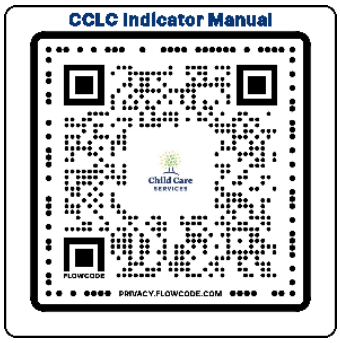
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A - Infant One 6weeks-6 months	Infants	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	B - Infant two 6-12 months		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - Toodler 1 12-16 months	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - Toddler Two 16-20 months	One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - Toddler 3 20-24 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F - Two's one 24-28 months	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G - Two's two 28-32 months	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	H - Two's-three's 32-36 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I - Preschool I 36-42 months	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	J - Preschool II 42-48 months	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K - School Age 5 to 12		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L - Pre- K		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Total # Children this Date: 81	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Infant	5	C
Main	Playground B Toddler	72	C
Main	Playground C Preschool	75	C
Main	Playground D School Age	18	C

Comments
Follow up on previous citations for POI.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx.

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.

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@decal.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 POI Follow Up:

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Corrected on 7/27/2026
.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The items were observed to be removed and there were no trip hazards.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed to not be served to prevent choking:
-F - Two's one 24-28 months: The fish sticks were observed to not be cut into one-half inch pieces or smaller.
-G - Two's two 28-32 months: The fish sticks were observed to not be cut into one-half inch pieces or smaller.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. The cook stated that they will ensure to cut the food items to the appropriate size before bringing to the classrooms. Management will continue to monitor weekly to ensure that the appropriate food size is used when food is served. Will review the new cook regarding the food and following the food chart regarding food size.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2026

Recited on 7/27/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

Corrected on 7/27/2026
.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The diaper pads were observed to be replaced.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2026

Corrected on 7/27/2026
.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The drill was observed to be completed on June 18, 2026.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Corrected on 7/27/2026
.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The staff was observed to be seated in arm's length for the children who were still eating.