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Date: 1/9/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/09/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/22/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/22/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 Building A	Room A-1st right corner-1's-2's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building A	Room B-Infants-2nd R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main Building A	Room C-2/3 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building A	Room D-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room E Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room F Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music
Main Building A	Room G Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main Building A	Room H Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building A	Room I Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch

Main Building A	Room J 3 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building A	Room K 2's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main Building A	Room L-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building A	Room M-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room N-2's/3's	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main Building A	Room O-3 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building A	Room P-3's 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building A	Room Q-3's/4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 305			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		
Total # Children this Date: 201			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 305		
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building A	Playground A-Right	80	C
Main Building A	Playground B-Back	52	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	23	14	69	92	22	5

Comments

The Consultant reviewed Staff Records, Child Records, and evaluated Core Rules and Non-Core Rules.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined, based on observation, a child in Room K, was walking around the classroom while actively opening and closing scissors and directing them toward classroom walls. It was further observed that Staff was aware of the behavior, creating a potential safety hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review requirements with Staff to ensure that appropriate activities are conducted with children.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2026

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.08(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed authorized release person information in Children's Records, as required. The Director stated the Center's authorized release person(s) procedures to ensure that a child is released only to authorized persons, as required.

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) Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard, such as those labeled "Keep out of Reach of Children", inaccessible to children.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.25(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all ventilation fans were operable, as required.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Director stated proper knowledge of Required Reporting timeline requirements.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all Employees had current and valid Criminal Background Check Determination letters on file, as required.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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)**Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2025

Corrected on 1/9/2026

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that Staff administered direct and watchful oversight to children at all times, as required.