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**Date:** 9/25/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:25 PM

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Quality Rated:

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 09/25/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 06/17/2026 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 10/20/2025 | 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 | 1 | One Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | 2 | | 0 | 0 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | 3 | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | 4 | Infants | 2 | 5 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | 5 | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | 6 | Three Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | 7 | Two Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | 8 | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | Gym | | 0 | 0 | C | 61 | C | NA | NA | |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 37 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | PG - Small | 0 | C |
| Main | PG-Large | 326 | C |

**Enrolled Children**

| Infant (0-12 months) | Toddler (1-2 yrs) | Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care) | School Age (before/after care only) | GA PreK only | Summer Only |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 23 | 11 | 12 | 0 | 0 |

**Comments**
The Consultant provided the office assistance next in charge with the meal safety posters and guides on this date. The Consultant provided the staff with the updated annual training guide.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

CCLC Indicator Manual

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.

Compliance at a Glance

For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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 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** **Met**

**Comment**
Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

**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**

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

## Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that one ceiling tile located over the refrigerator was missing. It was further determined that 5 ceiling tiles located above the refrigerator were stained.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2026**

**Recited on 9/25/2026**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
Consultant discussed with the office assistant in charge to ensure that the following areas are monitored daily to ensure safety:
- Small Playground - repaint and highlight the tree stumps located within the route which leads to the playground.
- Large Playground - remove the pines cones and tree limbs located throughout the play area,.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2026**

## Food Service

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

**Comment**
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

**Comment**
Consultant discussed the plan for the staff to repair the ceiling tile located in the kitchen area.

## Health and Hygiene

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that the yellow and blue diaper pad was torn on the far corner and far right side.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure Staff are trained regarding specifically where to change diapers and clothing in each room housing children who are wearing diapers.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2026**

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

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

## Policies and Procedures

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

**Comment**
Program observed complete emergency drills

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**
Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**
Thank you for reporting as required.

## Safety

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**
Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

**Comment**
Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026**

**Corrected on 9/25/2026**
**Previous citation corrected. The staff provided a copy of the vehicle inspection for the van (tag #CIC5040), which was completed on September 2, 2026.**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**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**
Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit.

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

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

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

**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-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025**

**Corrected on 9/25/2026**
**Previous citation corrected. The staff completed the annual required training for 2025.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026**

**Corrected on 9/25/2026**
**Previous citation corrected. All staff had the proper credentials for current titles.**

## 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**
Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.