



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 1/1/0001 VisitType:

Arrival:

Departure:

Exemption Unit Consultant

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Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding 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

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- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
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- 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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(Summary Report)**Date:** 1/1/0001**VisitType:****Arrival:****Departure:****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CS)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CS)**Not Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in Building 2 2L had an outlet near the circle time area without a protective cap and two loose cords running across the floor in the science area posing an injury hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CS)****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 that on playground Front Left there was a gap of 3 11/16 inches between the entrance gate pole on the left side that posed an entrapment hazard.

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: 6/23/2026

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure playgrounds are maintained from weeds.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CS) Met

Comment

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

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CS) Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CS) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS) Met

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Comment

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CS) 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(CS) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.