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

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/30/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/02/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 8		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	42	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	2	4	3	4	0	8

Comments
Discussed compliance with State rules and regulations to support ongoing health and safety of children in care.

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.

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 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) **Technical Assistance**

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with Director that the stacked chairs in the common area by the children's bathroom needed to be removed to prevent a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(8) - Consultant discussed with Director , the cardboard blocks in Main room A , needed to be repaired, removed or replaced where they had begun to come apart. Also discussed with Director the "school store" hanging organizer needed to be monitored and any small items that posed a choking hazard needed to be removed.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that following sections of the flooring had soft areas and were not stable:
-room Main A in front of the gate leading to the back area
-room Main C in front of the sink area
The Director stated that repairs had began and paperwork was provided showing an estimate for repairs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary. The Director stated repairs would be made, by POI deadline of June 30, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2026

Recited on 4/30/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff that the small laminator in Main room C and the air purifier in Main room A needed to be stored on a high shelf to ensure they were not accessible to children. Also discussed with Director to monitor the common area where the children use the bathroom, ensure the gate was secured on the right side and that no hazards were accessible.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor the vents in the bathrooms and ensure they were free of dust. Also discussed with Director to ensure all lights in Main room C were covered and operational.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **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 the following areas of fencing were not in good repair:
-one pole cap was missing from the fencing by the left side of the building
-a gap that measured 4 inches was present on the bottom of the left side of the fencing and the fencing was separating from the ground
-the top pole was bent on the back left side of the fencing and weeds were growing through and over the fencing
-a gap that measured 4 inches was present between the gate and pole in the back right corner
-three bolts with more than two threads were protruding into the play area
-the fence measured 3 feet 10 inches tall by the back right gate and 3 feet 8 inches tall on the right side of the fencing
-two gaps were present on the fencing on the right side - one measured 6 inches by 7 inches and one measured 7 inches

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: 5/30/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment was not in good repair:
-one yellow tricycle was missing a piece on the back and the metal area had an open pipe
-one blue and white riding toy had a cracked handle bar
-one black scooter was missing a handle
-the orange and brown climbing equipment had a crack in the platform area and an area of the ladder was cracked with rough edges
-the rainbow caterpillar tunnel had a broken blue piece on the side
-one orange and black riding toy, in the sand area, had a seat with missing vinyl and exposed foam
-the blue and red toy kitchen in the sand area, had a piece that was disconnected from the back side
-a wooden bench in the sand area had one leg off with an exposed screw
-the brown, red and green climber had cracked plastic in the circular area and two screw/bolts were loose and protruding by red bridge area

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2026

Recited on 4/30/2026

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 observation the following hazards were present on the playground:
-one hose was looped on the fence by the left side of the building
-two holes were present on the building siding material
-chipping paint was present on the rails leading to the doors
-one play pool was present by the left side of the building with standing water
-four pieces of lattice were present by the left side of the building
-one broken folding chair was present by the left side of the building
-weeds were present in the sand area
-exposed roots and holes were present on the ground in the front and back on the left side of the playground

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: 5/7/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.15(1) - Consultant discussed with Director that all components of meals, including milk must be served at the same time to for USDA guidelines to be met.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(8) - Consultant discussed with Director that open food/drink items needed to be labeled and dated.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with Director that the diaper pad in the common area needed to be removed as it was quilted and porous. Director stated and Consultant observed it was not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

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

Comment
Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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) **Technical Assistance**

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.

Comment
There were no infants enrolled in the program.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with Director that the cots in the common area needed to be covered to prevent children’s access to them.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation and review of records, Staff number two was present and cared for children alone in Main room C and Staff member number one was present and cared for children alone in Main room A and both Staff did not have evidence of up to date CPR/First Aid certification.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2)(d) requires the Center Director must have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid at all times. It was determined based on a review of records that the Director, Staff number one, did not have evidence of up to date CPR/First Aid certification.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center Director must successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid taught by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Director will send copies via email of verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2026

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with Director staff must be seated within an arm’s length from children 36 months of age or younger and direct supervision maintained during meal times.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026