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Date: 10/7/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
10/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/04/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/31/2024	ILS with Final License Date	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
Level 1	First Front Left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Level 1	First Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Circle Time,TV,Transitioning
Level 1	First Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Level 1	Front Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Level 1	Second Front Left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Level 1	Second Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Outside,Transitioning
Level 1	Second Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story,Floor Play,Outside,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Level II	257A		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Level II	Classroom 220/221	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside,Centers,Clean Up,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 42		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Level 1	Large Play	45	C
Level 1	Small Play	10	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
4	10	10	12	14	2	0

Comments

The Consultant discussed the new rule changes with the Director that were effective on July 1, 2025. The Consultant also provided the Director with copies by email of the Two-Year-Old Permission Form, the Emergency Medical Authorization form, and the Field Trip Form on this date. The Consultant discussed the requirements for field trips. The Consultant discussed using the Indicator Manual with the Director. The Consultant assisted the Director in submitting an Amendment to add a Special Use Classroom for Chapel.

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.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 techincal 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-.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(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the furniture in the classroom was free of tears and cracks, as the gray chair in the library area located in the First Right Classroom was observed to have tears on the seat and in the border with foam exposed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the center was lacking the following information in the children's files on this date:
- Four of five children's files reviewed were lacking the addresses and/or phone numbers for the parent's place of employment.
- One of five children's files reviewed was lacking the information for the child's primary physician.
- One of five children's files reviewed was lacking the addresses for the child's designated release persons.
- Two of five children's files reviewed were lacking the child's allergy and medical information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed. The Director will have all families of currently enrolled children complete the enrollment application, ensuring all information is included.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:
- First Left Classroom - Electric cords were observed lying loosely on the floor near the fish tank and plugged into the laptop on the shelf near the circle time area. An extra charging cord for the classroom's laptop was observed stored in a low shelf near the circle time rug.
- First Right Classroom - The electric cord plugged into the laptop was observed lying loosely on the floor.
- Bathroom located between the First Left and Second Left Classrooms - A vacuum cleaner, a broom and dust pan, and two flat floor mops were observed stored. The bolts connecting the toilet to the floor were observed to be protruding more than two threads.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 10/7/2025
.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The playgrounds were observed to be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material did not present a hazard to children and was maintained to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates were closed except when persons were entering or exiting the area.

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 that the following potential hazards were observed on the playgrounds accessible to children on this date:
- Small Playground - The fence and gate located between the Small and Large Playgrounds were observed to have bolts protruding more than two threads facing the Small Playground.
- Large Playground - The fabric under the resilient surface was observed to be accessible and posed as a tripping hazard. A flexible gutter extender was observed to have a break in the middle with sharp edges. A square shovel was leaning against the brick exterior wall of the building beside the storage bin containing children's portable play equipment and materials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The Center staff will add resilient surface to the Large Playground to cover the fabric and will cut down the protruding bolts on the Small Playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Food Service

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

Finding
591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that the two highchairs located in the Second Right Classroom were missing the harness straps which the manufacturer intended to be used with the lap belts which were present on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use and contains all required straps.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the children's handwashing sink in the First Left Classroom did not have warm running water available on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Director will submit a work order for the sink to be repaired and the warm water to be restored. The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required for 20 seconds, as required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2025

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 **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - The Consultant discussed with the Director updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.
Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children. Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at: https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: https://dontshake.org/.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation for conducting a lockdown drill since January 15, 2025, when they were required to be conducted every six months.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2025

Safety

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

Comment
Fish and a turtle were observed to be housed in tanks which were maintained and clean.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.13(5) - The Consultant discussed with the Director the requirements for field trips, as the Director stated that walking field trips were planned in the future to the W.T. Johnson Center gymnasium located behind the Center. The Consultant provided the Director by email with copies of the Participant List form with the Parental permission and the Emergency Medical Forms that were required to have on hand during field trips.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2024

Corrected on 10/7/2025
.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was correct. The Consultant observed that each crib had only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which was changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
Staff # 12	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2025	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>

.14(2)-CPR missing

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Finding
591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #12, hired on July 17, 2025, had not completed hands-on pediatric CPR within 45 days of hire, which was August 31, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2025

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 a review of records that the First Left Classroom did not have a staff person present with current and valid hands-on CPR training on this date.

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. The Director will schedule a hands-on CPR class for the staff person.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - The Consultant discussed with the Director that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2025

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed. on this date.

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) **Met**

Comment
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.