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Date: 8/31/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/31/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/24/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
02/18/2026	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	L Hallway 1L-Three Year Old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	L Hallway Back After-School		0	0	C	77	C	NA	NA	
Main	LHallway 2R-Four Year Old		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	LHallway1R-Three Year old Room		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	R Hallway 1R-Infants	Infants	1	1	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	R Hallway 2R-Two Year Old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	RHallway 1L-One Year Old		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	RHallway 2L-Two Year Old Potty Trained		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 6		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	104	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**
1	2	5	8	0	10

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

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with Director and Staff to monitor storage of plastic bags and ensure diaper packages or other plastic bag type materials are stored inaccessible to children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(8) - Discussed with Director to monitor electrical cords to ensure they were inaccessible at all times and stored without looped cords or cords draped across the floor, to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(14) - Discussed with Director to ensure adequate lighting was maintained in classrooms during nap time for children and Staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2026

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

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

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 following areas of fencing were not in good repair:
-the fencing on the back side of the fence was detached from the bottom, creating a gap
-two loose fencing wires were exposed and protruded onto the playground, on the left side of the fencing
-the fencing was detached from one pole on the left fencing side and created a gap of 5 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: 9/14/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed with Director to monitor, repair or replace the following equipment to ensure it remained in good repair:
-Yellow Dixie Dozer playset - monitor for rust
-Blue and Red bicycle merry-go-round - monitor for rust
-Purple and Green Cozy Coupe riding cars- one screw on the front needed to be retightened.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director and Staff on this date.

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

Comment
Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment
Visit was conducted during nap time and handwashing was not directly observed. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director and Staff on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment
The visit was conducted at nap time and discipline was not directly observed. Staff stated age-appropriate discipline procedures were followed.

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) **Not Met**

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Discussed with Staff and Director that crib sheets needed to be washed/changed daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that five children in the R Hallway 2R -Two Year Old were sleeping on cots without a sheet or blanket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(2) - Discussed with Director that the two zip ties on the back side of the crib in room R Hallway 1L -One Year Old needed to be removed to ensure they were not accessible to children in the crib.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2026

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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