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Date: 8/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/13/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/21/2025	Initial 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 Building	Room A: Toddlers		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main Building	Room B: Infants	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room C: Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 8		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Main Playground	32	C

Enrolled Children

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

Comments
The visit was conducted on August 13th, but the report was created on August 14th due to connection issues on the 13th. The citations were discussed with the Director on site during the visit on August 13th.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Comment
Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(6) - Technical assistance provided regarding enhancing a variety of age appropriate toys and daily schedule with planned activities for the Preschool children in Room C. Also discussed the need to rotate toys and materials in each classroom to alleviate boredom as well as the importance of sanitizing them frequently.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Name of both parents,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - Technical assistance was provided regarding having complete children records. One of six records were observed to have missing information.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

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**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(11) - Technical assistance was provided regarding the floor padding in Room B. The padding to the left of the diaper changing station was loose which could pose a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.25(13) 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 main hallway bathroom used by the children in Room C had several potential hazardous cleaning supplies located under the sink. Also, in Room B, baby wipes were found in a child's backpack accessible to the children with a “Keep Out of Reach of Children” label on it.

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: 8/27/2025

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 that the chain linked fence gate located on the left side of the playground contained a 5-inch gap, and the black bar gate adjacent to it had 6-inch spacing between the bars. These conditions presented a potential entrapment hazard. It was further determined that the fence enclosing the playground measured at 3.7 feet which does not meet the 4 feet requirement.

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: 9/24/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(6) Technical assistance was provided regarding the following potential hazards:

1. Splintering decayed wood was observed in several areas of the wooden play structure. They affected sections will need to be replaced with new wood to ensure safety.
2. Protruding nails were observed on top of the wood beams surrounding the play structure and at the top of the monkey bars. These nails need to be hammered flat to eliminate the risk of injury.
3. A spider web was observed on the back left side of the wooded play structure. Staff were advised to inspect the playground prior to children coming out to play to ensure there are no biting ants/stinging insects.
4. There was a large brick that posed as a potential tripping hazard located at the back door of Classroom B.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2025

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 observation, the upper deck on the main playground equipment, had several gaps which measured at 4 inches to 6 inches which could lead to potential entrapment.

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. The Center will repair the upper deck to ensure there are no gaps that could lead to entrapment. The Staff will check daily to ensure the equipment is safe.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation, that the suspended ladder was not properly anchored in that the bottom left side was not secured.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

Finding
591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation, that the resilient surface at the fall zone at the bottom of the sliding board measured at approximately 2 inches instead of the required 3 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.15(3) - Technical assistance was provided regarding the importance of labeling baby bottles in Room B.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(1) - Technical assistance was provided on the importance of checking expiration dates to ensure food is safe for consumption and not spoiled or contaminated. Two cans of Kroger brand fruit cocktail were found with expiration dates marked for 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(8) - Technical assistance was provided regarding the proper labeling of items to ensure they include the expiration dates when the food has been removed from the original container or package in which the food was obtained.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(3) - Technical assistance provided regarding the diaper changing surface in Classroom A. The surface was torn and was not non porous. The changing surface should be free of cracks, seams, tears, indentations, or designs where dirt, germs, and bacteria could collect. Also a quilted changing pad was observed under the changing table. Since diaper changing surfaces are used by more than one child, it is necessary to disinfect the diaper changing surface between each use. Disinfecting the diaper changing surface reduces the risk of illness by removing bacteria, viruses, fungi, and mold.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

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

Comment
Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the 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
Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the staff on this date.

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

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

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**

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. .It was determined based on observation, that there was no evidence to show that two cribs were in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards in Room B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(b) - Technical assistance was provided regarding the replacement of two mats located in the storage closet of Room C which had visible tears on them.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

Staff Records

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

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: 11/28/2025

Corrected on 8/13/2025
.33(5) - It was determined by the review of records, the annual ten (10) clock hours of diverse training are being completed. One of the staff members have completed the required hours and the other one has completed five (5) clock hours and are working towards meeting the annual training hours.

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.