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Date: 3/25/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/20/2024	POI Follow Up	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/Left	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Main	Front Area		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 3		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	16	C

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

Comments
A Licensing Study was conducted on March 25, 2025. Backgrounds checks and children records were reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the visit report was emailed to the Director.

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 a1 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Met**

Comment
The Consultant discussed with the Director to have all the required statements from the Parental agreement included in the new child enrollment application.

Evening Care

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment
No evening care hours currently provided

Facility

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2024

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that based on observation no hazards were observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2025

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.25(3) - Previous citation corrected.

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the playground shall have shaded areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2025

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.26(4) - Previous citation observed in that the barb wire at the top of the fence on the playground was removed.

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 there were three cracks on the inside of the red tunnel, creating a possible pinch hazard.

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: 3/29/2025

Recited on 3/25/2025

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(9) The Consultant discussed with the Director that the playground 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. There was a sink hole on the back left corner with a metal plate plate exposed. Based on the Director's statement the county will not allow the metal plate to be covered. The Director will place cones around this area and redirect children from playing in this area.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2024

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.10(9) - Previous citation corrected in that based on observation there are diapered children currently enrolled.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date (communicable disease chart).

Safety

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2024

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation corrected in that no infants are currently enrolled. New sheets were purchased for the cribs.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education 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 [1] file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment
Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 3/25/2025
.33(5) - Previous citation corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Comment
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 8 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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.