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**Date:** 1/13/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:25 PM **Departure:** 6:45 PM

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 01/13/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 06/27/2025 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |
| 06/26/2025 | Complaint Investigation 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 the 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-1R | Infants | 1 | 4 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Feeding |
| Main | Rm C-2L | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rm D-2R | Two Year Olds | 2 | 8 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Rm E-3R | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Rm F-4R | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 15 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Rm G-5R | | 0 | 0 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rm H-6R | GA PreK | 2 | 15 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning,Nap |
| Main | Rm I-6L | GA PreK | 2 | 17 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Outside,Transitioning |
| Main | Rm K-4L | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rm L-3L | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Rm. J-5L | GA PreK | 2 | 16 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 87 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Infant / Toddler 1 | 20 | C |
| Main | Infant / Toddler 2 | 25 | C |
| Main | Preschool 1 | 26 | C |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Preschool 2 | 129 | C |
| Main | Preschool 3 | 141 | C |

| **Enrolled Children** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Under 1 years** | **1 years** | **2 years** | **3 years** | **4 years** | **5 years (Prekonly)** | **5 years and older** |
| 8 | 6 | 16 | 13 | 26 | 28 | 37 |

**Comments**
The report was not closed at the time of the visit, due to the center closing. The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Michelle Redmond, on January 13, 2026, and will email it to the program for signing when completed..

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.

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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.

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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** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that each room has a current lesson plan.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

**Comment**
Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on an observation that there were
-tears with exposed foam on one of the red vinyl cushions on the wooden sofa in Rm G-5R,
-worn vinyl on the brown seat cushion of the chair in Rm D-2R,
-worn vinyl on the brown seat cushion of the chair in Rm E-3R,
-worn vinyl on the brown seat cushion of the bench in Rm F-4R.
Further there was a protruding wire on the bottom of the toy refrigerator in Rm G-5R.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
Provider will remove the equipment until it can be repaired or replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 1/16/2026**

**Recited on 1/13/2026**

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

**Comment**
Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.35(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the lock on the gate to the pool is locked at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## Children's Records

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

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

**Comment**
Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that each child's enrollment record has the name and number of the child's physician and information regarding any medical needs or conditions the child has.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## 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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the classroom storage cabinets are locked in classrooms Rm I-6L and Rm J-5L and brooms and dustpans are stored out of reach of children in classroom Rm I-6L.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

**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(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 two of four tricycles had broken seats on the rear playground. It was further determined, that there was a sand table with a broken wheel on Preschool 2, and a green riding toy with broken plastic on Infant/Toddler 1.

**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: 1/23/2026**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the mulch directly under the third swing on the rear playground is redistributed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2026**

## Food Service

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

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.15(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

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

**Comment**
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.18(6) -Consultant discussed with director to ensure that children’s sippy cups are washed in a dishwasher with a sani-cycle or capability of maintaining a rinse water temperature of a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) degrees Fahrenheit.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**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 did not wash hands after outside play in Rm I-6L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.20(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that medication authorization forms include the prescription number, dates, and amounts to be given. Consultant also discussed that medication cannot be administered on an as needed basis except for emergency medication administered for a chronic medical condition. The authorization should reflect that the medication is for “Emergency Use Only” and should contain specific information regarding when staff should administer the medication.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that center staff dispensed "Mommy's Bliss" oral medication on December 2, 2025, and the authorization form stated that it was to be given on December 1, 2025.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.20(5) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that medication which is no longer being dispensed should be returned to the child's parent.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## Policies and Procedures

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Not Met**

**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 review of records that the center had not conducted lock-down drills within the last six months as required.

**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: 1/18/2026**

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

**Comment**
Observed all required posted notices.

## Safety

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

**Comment**
Center does not keep animals on premises.

**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.11(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that staff do not speak disparagingly of children in their presence.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have an annual safety check for the vehicle license tag numbers SHY2384, SGY1783, SGY1784, and GKP412.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the first, second, third, and fourth passenger side seats, and the second driver side seat were torn on vehicle tag number SGY1783 and there was peeling tape on the second passenger seat on vehicle tag number SGY1784.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have written parental authorization for routine transportation for one of 40 transported children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have an emergency medical information record for one of 40 transported children. Further, ten of 39 emergency medical information records did not have the name and telephone number of the child's doctor.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document in writing when a child exited the vehicle after an afternoon transportation route from Woodward Elementary School on December 18, 2025, and on January 9, 2026. Further, center staff did not in document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for children who were not present on the vehicle.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document the time after returning from afternoon transportation routes from Freeman's Elementary School on January 7, 2026, and January 9, 2026, and after an afternoon transportation route from Dyer Elementary School on January 9, 2026.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that each date and time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2026**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Staff stated knowledge of SUIDS and infant safe sleep.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that 15 out of 22 mats had torn corners in Rm I-6L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 22** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

"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 five files for employees hired since last visit June 26, 2025.

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

**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 review of records that staff #2, hire date December 3, 2024, did not have evidence of current certification in pediatric first aid/CPR.

**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: 2/12/2026**

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

**Comment**
Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) - Consultant discussed with director that health and safety orientation training cannot be taken more than once every five years to count toward annual training. The consultant emailed the director the current Training FAQ.

**Correction Deadline: 2/12/2026**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined based on review of records that staff #4, hire date March 31, 2025.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

**Correction Deadline: 1/13/2026**

## Staffing and Supervision

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.