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Date: 7/28/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:40 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
07/28/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up, Circle Time, Free Play, Centers
Main	B - Middle	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use, Snack, Diapering, Free Play
Main	C - Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	24	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			39			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			39	
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			39	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	33	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	8	10	7	5	0	0

Comments

The center director stated medication is administered, no field trips, routine transportation, or swimming activities are provided. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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 CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.35 - Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.08(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed twenty-four children to be signed in and twenty-four children to be present

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) Met

Comment

591-1-1-.19 - Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The consultant observed twenty-four children present on this day.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.25 - The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. All chain link fence panels were observed to be tight fitting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The center director will ensure that 3 eight foot wooden fence panels located on the left playground are standing upright and tightly secured. The center director reported that the playground has no been in use in two week and all children will play at separate times on the right playground until the wood fence panels are fixed.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

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 on observation that 1 of 2 red Little Likes Coupe Cars was missing the steering wheel. Additionally, 1 of 2 pink Little Likes Coupe Cars was missing the steering wheel. Furthermore, 8 of 8 "S" chain hooks located in the left playground was rusting.

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: 8/8/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Recited on 7/28/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.15(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.10 - Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.17 - Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Not Met

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 medication forms that a child was to receive 2 % of Ruipirocin on July 21, 2025 before or after nap time on sore spots and the but / groin area. The date, time given, amount, any adverse reactions and administered by was not documented as required. Further, the center director stated they are unsure if the medication was administered as requested.

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: 7/28/2025

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - Discussed 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) - New - 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.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2025

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.22 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation that the visitor statement, director designee, and consumer products notice was not posted as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Recited on 7/28/2025

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

591-1-1-.11 - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.13 - Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.36 - Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

591-1-1-.30 - No infants are enrolled.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

591-1-1-.09(1) - Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025**Prior Visits: 03/05/2025****Corrected on 7/28/2025****.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.****Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025****Prior Visits: 03/05/2025****Corrected on 7/28/2025****.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.****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 staff files that staff # 1 and 4 have been hired over 90 days and have not completed first aid and CPR as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2025****Corrected on 7/28/2025****.14(2) -****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025****Prior Visits: 03/05/2025**

Corrected on 7/28/2025

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2025

Prior Visits: 03/05/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - Discussed 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: 8/27/2025

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.31 - 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

591-1-1-.32 - Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.32 - Adequate supervision observed on this date.