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Date: 3/7/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:55 AM **Departure:** 5:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/28/2022	Licensing Study	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
2	H L Pre K3Front-Guppies	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	TV
2	I : L Pre K4-Mid-Minnows	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
2	J: Rear-Sharks		0	0	C	52	C	NA	NA	
2	Lunchroom		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A: R Front-Cuddly		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	B: R Mid-Puddle Duck		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Right Rear-Busy Bunnies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D: Mid-Rear-Cool Cats	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	33	C	Nap
Main	E: Library		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	F: Left Middle-Leapin Lions	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Main	G: Pre K2	GA PreK	1	13	C	22	C	31	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 261							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A:1 R-Infants	8	C
Main	PG B: 2R-Twos	10	C
Main	PG C: 3R-Two Yr	58	C
Main	PG D: Back R-Pre K	124	C
Main	PG E: Front Middle	41	C
Main	PG F: Front L-3 Yr	73	C
Main	PG G Left Back-School Age	439	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	7	9	23	27	24	46

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on October 4, 2023.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the orange vinyl chair in classroom D: Cool Cats, and the red, vinyl seat cushion in classroom H: Guppies are removed due to wear in the vinyl.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 potentially hazardous items such as, but not limited to, hand sanitizer, cleaning tools, baby wipes, and staff purses are stored out of reach of children in classrooms D-Mid Rear and J-Rear Sharks.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the broken baseboard tile to the right of the restrooms is repaired in classroom J-Rear, Building 2.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

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 there was a gap measuring approximately five inches at the gate to playground PG E-Front Middle and gaps measuring approximately five inches between the bars closest to the posts and the wall on playground PG A 1R Infants. Further, the bottom of the gate to the Outdoor Learning Area had loose, protruding wires.

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: 3/14/2025

Recited on 3/7/2025

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 the yellow "dune buggy" had a shredded tire on playground D: Back R Pre-K. Further, there was splintering wood on the landing, the arched stairs and by the steering wheels on the wooden play structure on playground B: 2R-Twos.

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: 3/17/2025

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)	Not Met
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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 the center did not have specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications. no medications were dispensed.

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: 3/7/2025

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that center staff enter the date for each school transportation route.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Program does not have infants.

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

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit October 4, 2023. .

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3) - Consultant discussed with director that staff who have six hours or Health and Safety Orientation training need to take the 10-hour Health and Safety Orientation training in 2025. Consultant also discussed that staff taking the OLLI trainings from the Georgia Professional Development System must take all three classes to toward this requirement.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2025

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.