



Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 1/1/0001

VisitType:

Arrival:

Departure:

Exemption Unit Consultant

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Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding 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

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- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id 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 standard number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the standard 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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(Summary Report)**Date:** 1/1/0001**VisitType:****Arrival:****Departure:****Exemption Unit Consultant**

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Mailing Address**The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:****Activities and Equipment****591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CS)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CS)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2026**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CS)****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 gate located on the back right of the large playground had bolts that measured over 2 threads.

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: 6/24/2026

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CS)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CS)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CS)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the interior of the transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury such as exposed foam on the seats.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2026

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CS)**Met****Comment**

At least one staff person with current and valid pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR observed in each classroom where children were present.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CS)**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(CS)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CS)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.