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Date: 9/29/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/29/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/24/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/31/2025	Complaint Closure	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	Room A-1L-Three Year Old		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B-2L-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	Room C-3L-Back Afterschool	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers,Nap
Main	Room D-4R-Two Year Olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 15		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Intant	27	C
Main	Main	64	C

Enrolled Children

Infant (0-12 months)	Toddler (1-2 yrs)	Preschool (3-5yrs/full time care)	School Age (before/after care only)	GA PreK only	Summer Only
4	8	7	1	0	0

Comments
The consultant discussed the visit report with the Assistant Director, Andrea Walton, on September 29, 2026.

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.

Compliance at a Glance

For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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 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(5) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that children have an activity available during transition times in Room D-4R.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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 parents complete the accommodations and medication sections of the child enrollment forms.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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) **Met**

Comment
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment
The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the resilient surface is distributed evenly to ensure a depth of 3 inches on Playground Main.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to 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. It was determined based on observation that the playgrounds had the followings hazards: -a broken sign, branches, and pine cones were on the ground on Playground Infants,
-the mat by the gate was ripped and curling up at the edges on Playground Infants,
-the sidewalk had cracks and holes on Playground Main, and
-a bold on the plastic border was not flush with the top of the block on Playground Main.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove the hazards from the playgrounds and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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 dated and are updated regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding
591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that there was no ventilation in C-3L-Back. C-3L-Back was designated as a non-diaper room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with director that changing a non-diaper classroom room to a diaper classroom requires the center to submit an amendment to the department.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.27 - Consultant discussed with director to post the names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

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 appropriate methods of age-appropriate discipline.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

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

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

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #3, hire date August 12, 2026, and staff #5, hire date May 4, 2026, did not have evidence of two hours of state-approved transportation training on file.Staff #3's transportation training expired on May 15, 2024, and staff #5's transportation training expired on February 7, 2026. Staff #3 drove the vehicle from August 31, 2026, though September 8, 2026.Staff #5 did the second check of the vehicle from August 31, 2026 through September 3, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that to schedule an inspection for the vehicle used for school transportation before within 12 months of the previous inspection.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the tear on the second seat on the passenger side is repaired on vehicle tag number DCH7539.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2026

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2026

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training 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 March 24, 2026.

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 a review of records that staff # 2 and staff #3, hire date August 12, 2026, did not have evidence of current certification in pediatric CPR/first aid on file.

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: 9/29/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training. It was determined based on observation that staff #6, hire date September 8, 2026, was in room-B-2L and staff #2, hire date August 12, 2026,was in Room D-4R, without current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2)(c) requires that during any field trip or transportation of children, there must always be a staff member present who has current evidence of the successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid. It was determined based on a review of records that the staff member on the vehicle during school transportation routes between August 31, 2026, and September 11, 2026,did not have current evidence of CPR/first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Director will schedule and/or position caregiver Staff throughout the Center to ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present in each classroom where children are present.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the first aid kits had antibiotic ointment and protective eye wear.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2026

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.33(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the initial center orientation training includes he following topics:
(a) the Center's policies and procedures;
(b) the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children;
(c) the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities;
(d) reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation;
(e) communicable diseases and serious injuries;
(f) emergency weather plans;
(g) the program's emergency preparedness plan;
(h) childhood injury control;
(i) the administration of medicine;
(j) reducing the risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS);
(k) hand washing;
(l) fire safety;
(m)water safety;
(n) and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm’s length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that center staff went into the restroom to assist a child, leaving three children unattended in the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2026