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Date: 9/18/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/18/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/19/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/17/2025	Licensing Study	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

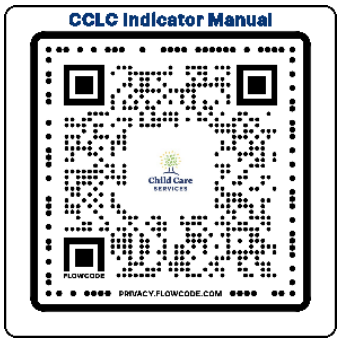
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-1R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Free Play
Main	C-3R		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-4R	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E-5R	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-6R		0	0	C	34	C	34	C	Not In Use
Main	G- 6L		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-4L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-5L	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J-3L	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	K-2L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L-1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205					
Total # Children this Date: 81		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Area A - Infant/Toddlers	27	C
Main	Area B - Preschool	63	C
Main	Area C - 2 yr olds	28	C
Main	Room D - Preschool - School Age	72	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**
8	26	27	21	40	0

Comments
The Director received a copy of the visit report.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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.



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-.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 **Met**

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed that the exhausts in the bathrooms needed to be operating as required as pulling the air in.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2026

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(12) - Discussed that the floor A/C unit in room B-2R needed to be made inaccessible to the children and have a barrier around it.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Corrected on 9/18/2026
.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected as there were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(4) - Discussed that if the door in the Infant room is left open to the outside, a screen needed to be added to the opening.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met**

Comment
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(1) - Discussed that the exhausts in the Diapering rooms needed to be working properly and pulling the air in.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026

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

Comment
Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

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) - Discussed that an Amendment to remeasure the rooms and remove two rooms was needed. The program had made some changes to the rooms a few years ago when the building flooded and some rooms were reconfigured.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2026

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment
Discussed reporting requirements.

Comment
Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Comment
Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

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) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
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

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Corrected on 9/18/2026
.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected as Satisfactory Comprehensive Background checks were observed for all Staff.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Corrected on 9/18/2026
.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected as Satisfactory Comprehensive Background checks were observed for all Staff.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) **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.

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training for 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.