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Date: 5/11/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-46520

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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.
05/11/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/06/2017	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/22/2016	Initial 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
Main	A- Infants	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- 3+ Years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	17	C	Nap, Free Play
Main	C- Back 2yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	NC	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- Far Left 1yr	Infants	1	1	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41					
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Small	23	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/11/2017

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).

	<p>Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Jessika Paulk, Program Official

Date

Patty Malone, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - the consultant discussed the maintenance of the metal see saw and the requirement to keep the gate closed at all times.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper hand washing practices.

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

Met

Comment

The director stated that the center does not currently administer medications.

Safety

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

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that there was a tear with exposed foam on the first bench seat used for children in the center van.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will repair or cover the exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. The second designated Staff person must complete the following: (i) Physically walk through the entire vehicle; (ii) Visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and (iii) Sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had two transportation forms, for the week of May 8, 2017, missing documentation of a second check, conducted by a second person at the center, for each day of transportation conducted before the visit that week..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the second responsible staff person checks the vehicle immediately after the first check has been completed and documents the second check with a signature.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2017

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

The consultant reviewed six staff files. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that classroom C had a mixed grouping of four, two-year-olds and eight, three-year-olds with one staff member supervising when two staff members were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure adequate Staff:child ratios in mixed age groups. The Center will ensure that there is adequate staff to meet the staff:child ratios in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2017**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children except during early morning arrival and late afternoon departure times. It was determined based on observation that children under three years old were combined with older children at a time other than arrival/departure in classrooms B and C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2017

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - The consultant discussed proper supervision practices during nap-time.