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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.
05/22/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/03/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/03/2017	Complaint Closure	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	Back Entry	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Back Right	Six Year Olds and Over	0	4	NC	5	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Entry	Six Year Olds and Over	0	6	NC	6	C	9	C	
Main	Right Front	Six Year Olds and Over	0	5	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 30					
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 30				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	73	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/22/2017

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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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), 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)

Patricia Duncan, Program Official

Date

Kati Cosby, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

_____ **Facility**

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2017

Corrected on 5/22/2017

.19(1) - Previous citation was corrected in that Consultant observed an appropriate capacity in each room on this date.

_____ **Safety**

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions.

It was determined based on review of vehicle safety restraints that the center transported 18 children on April 24, 2017 and 22 children on April 25, 2017. The vehicle in use was equipped with 13 safety restraints.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2017

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)2. requires that no vehicle shall exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity and that proof of the seating capacity is maintained on file.

It was determined based on review of records that on April 24, 2017 the Center transported a total of 22 children in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 13 and on April 25, 2017 the Center transported a total of 18 children in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 13.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The manufacturer's rated seating capacity will not be exceeded and a copy of the manufacturer's seating capacity will be maintained on file at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2017

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2017

Corrected on 5/22/2017

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation was corrected in that the Consultant observed all children were appropriately marked present or absent on transportation documentation.

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 a review of records that a second check of the vehicle was not documented May 17, 2017 and May 18, 2017 from Garrison and on May 19, 2017 from EOA, Haven Elementary, Juilette Low Elementary, Southwest Elementary and Gould Elementary.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2017

Recited on 5/22/2017

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(3)- Consultant will review 2017 annual training during next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will plan and schedule training and follow up to ensure that direct care staff complete the required training.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2017

Defer

591-1-1-.33(4)- Consultant will review annual staff training during next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff will complete training.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2016

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times. Children were not supervised in that there was one staff present to supervise four separate areas with twenty-one children while a second teacher prepared lunch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will provide training to staff and monitor to ensure that children are supervised at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2017