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Date: 1/25/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
01/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/23/2022	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
Bldg III	Large Motor Room		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg III	Room A 1R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg III	Room B 2R	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg III	Room C Middle		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg III	Room D 1L	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg III	Room E 2L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg III	Room F Computer		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. II	Room A	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. II	Room B	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. II	Room C		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	Room A - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room B - 3 to 5 yr olds	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C - 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room D - 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E - 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room F - 3-5 yr olds	GA PreK	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 56	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 227	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg III	Bldg III Playground	54	C
Bldg. II	Early	147	C
Main	Playground	146	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Technical assistance was provided in the areas of staff records/qualifications, storage of materials and physical plant. All questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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(Findings 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. A variety of equipment was observed throughout the facility.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Please contact consultant upon completion of renovations or whenever a classroom is closed due to emergencies related to weather, fire flood etc .

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. All storage cabinets containing supplies or cleaning products should be locked and out of reach of children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(6) - Please be reminded to ensure that a tight fitting lid is required on all trash bins inside of each classroom. Room B 2R did not have a lid on its trash bin during the review.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2023

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills. Please be reminded to document a monthly check for smoke detectors.

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

Discussed reporting requirements whenever a classroom or center is closed due to emergencies or weather related incidents.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed 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.

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #'s 2, 15 and 17 did not obtain the annual (10) clock hours of training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs on this date.