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Date: 7/17/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study

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Departure: 10:30 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/30/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/16/2023	Incident Investigation/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	1st Left	Infants	1	1	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	24	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106					
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	4-11 years	80	C
Main	Infants	10	C
Main	Toddler	24	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/17/2023

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](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the user id 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that lesson plans were not available in the 3rd Left and 3rd Right Classrooms. It was further determined that the other lesson plans throughout were not dated for the current dates and stated "week 2".

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that in the 3rd Right Classroom chairs were not table height and a child was sitting with three chairs stacked on each other in order to reach the table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained in and children are taught the proper use of all furniture, materials and equipment; will implement a plan for this information to be reviewed with both groups on an ongoing basis; and for monitoring proper and age-appropriate usage.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the cords hanging from the televisions on the 3rd Right Classroom needs to be secured. In addition, the wooden shelves in the 3rd Left Classroom need to be secured so they do not pose a falling hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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**Children's Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed to ensure that full addresses and phone numbers are listed for emergency contacts.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed cleaning rugs throughout.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 on the toddler playground a water hose was accessible and on the large back playground trash in the manner of used socks, paper and cups were along the fence line. It was further determined the concrete around the ball goal was not flush posing a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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**Food Service**

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that bottles for one infant present in the 1st Left Classroom were not labeled.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the cabinet where the spices are located needs to be cleaned out.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the box of potatoes will need to be stored on the shelves.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023**

**Corrected on 7/17/2023**

**.10(9) - Citation corrected.**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation two children in the 3rd Right Classroom came in for the day and were not required to wash their hands.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

**Recited on 7/17/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023**

**Corrected on 7/17/2023**

**.17(8) - Citation corrected.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023**

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.20(1) - Citation corrected. Per the center director no medication has been dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that a lockdown drill was not conducted every six months as required in that the last one was conducted January 12, 2023.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023

### 591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

#### Comment

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

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.11(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

The center has not provided transportation over the summer. The emergency transportation forms will be filled out prior to the new school year along with new agreement. The director will ensure that all areas are fully filled out.

The center will have an updated annual safety check prior to the bus being used.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Citation corrected.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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**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.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2023**

**Corrected on 7/17/2023**

**.14(2) - Citation corrected.**

**Technical Assistance**

The center has a influx of staff leave and new staff a first aid class is scheduled for all staff that are still in need on July 29, 2023 to ensure that the rule requirements are met.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a lead teacher of three of five classrooms in use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**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, mealtime, nap time, 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 mealtime 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 upon arrival a child was in the director's office and the director step out to the lobby area. It was further determined that in the 1st Right Classroom one-year-old children were eating at the table and one staff member was at the carpet area and the other staff member walked to the cubbie to fix a bow in a child's hair. Both area with not within arms length of the children.

**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: 7/17/2023**

**Recited on 7/17/2023**