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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/2/2022 **VisitType:** ILS POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:05 PM

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Ivywood Academy - Snellville

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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.
05/02/2022	ILS POI Follow Up	N/A	
02/24/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p>Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p>Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p>Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

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	A1L- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B2L- 1's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-LR Infants		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	D1R- 's	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E2R-4 and up		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F -PreK Back Bldg		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-PreK- Back Bldg		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 12

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Lower - Preschool-School age	132	C
Main	Preschool-ASAP	260	C
Main	Toddler	56	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on (insert date). Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on (insert date). The exit conference was conducted virtually on (insert date) at (insert time) with the (Director/Provider). (Permission to Operate/Temporary License) will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. (Limitations)

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/02/2022

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/Regulations.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



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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Deloris Wright, Program Official

Date

Margaret Pringle, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a ILS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on Consultant's observation room A lacked a variety of toys/equipment stored on low open shelves in the area of art materials. The Prek/School age building lacked a variety of toys/equipment in the area of art, science, musical instruments, dramatic play and manipulatives/blocks.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children. All toys should be operable,

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(6) requires each child's personal items to be kept in individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks separated from articles used by other children. The spaces shall be accessible to the children to whom they are assigned. It was determined based on Consultant's observation the cubbies were inaccessible to the children in room A and D.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide each child with individually labeled and accessible storage.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on Consultant's observation rust was observed on the fence panels and poles surrounding all (3) three playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on Consultant's observation the swings lacked the required (6) six inches of mulch. It was over five feet in height.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022**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 Consultant's observation exposed tree roots, vegetation growing through the fencing and high grass and uneven surfacing between the hard and soft surfaces.

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: 6/29/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on Consultant's observation the infant room lacked an exhaust fan and the windows lacked screens.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.10(7) requires Center Staff to provide liquid soap, individually dispensed single-use hand towels, single-use wash cloths, and covered storage container for soiled items. It was determined based on Consultant's observation the soiled/non-disposable and disposable containers lacked a label in diapering rooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure missing items listed and ensure the ongoing availability of all supplies.

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022

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

Comment

The children were napping during the visit. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

The children were napping during the visit. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on Consultant's observation one of eight cribs did not meet the required safety compliance with (CPSC) and (ASTM) being that it was manufactured in 2010.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure sheets are tight-fitting. This room wasn't in use on this date. Seven (7) of seven (7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2011 and 2013. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 04/07/2022

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2022

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 04/20/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2016

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2022

Staff # 7 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Corrected on 6/29/2022

.14(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs. Please ensure mirror near diaper changing table isn't used for supervision.