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Date: 3/23/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/29/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	1 left	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1 Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	2 left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2 Right	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3 left	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers, Not In Use
Main	3 Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4 Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers, Outside
Main	4L	Four Year Olds	2	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Upstairs		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 124						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A 1 left	123	C
Main	Playground B Middle	81	C

Main	Playground C Rightside	45	C
Main	Playground D Right	20	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/23/2023

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/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

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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Bridgette Johnson, Program Official

Date

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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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(1) - The consultant discussed with the staff of classroom 3R to ensure that the mobile printer does not pose a tip over hazard. The staff will ensure that any equipment of weight or mass is secured.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant observed the children files to be organized on this date. The provider will ensure that the physician information is added to the file that was missing on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of children arrival and departure records that only two of ten infants were signed in by an authorized person or parent during drop-off on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the department when requested. The provider will ensure that the parent or authorized person is signing in and out during Georgia Pre-K arrival and departure.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the restroom doors are properly used during restroom breaks to prevent the spread of odors, and to provide privacy.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation the following:

- classroom 2L - girls restroom inside of the toilet had a build-up of residue
- classroom 3L - boys restroom baseboards and vent fan had a build-up of dirt.
- classroom 3R - boys restroom had rust build-up on the valves behind the toilet.
- classroom 4L - boys restroom had a build-up of dust on the vent fan.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that they are monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

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(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following:

- classroom 2R - cords from the laptop and radio were left hanging accessible to the children.
- classroom Upstairs - a vaccum was sitting at the top of the steps, an ocelo bucket and mop was being stored in an unlocked storage closet along with another vaccum.
- Special Use cafeteria - three large tubs of paint and six gallons of paint was being stored in the corner of the room accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The provider was in the process of replacing the baseboards throughout the hallways and in the special use cafeteria. The provider will ensure that any repairs do not pose a hazard to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

591-1-1-.26(7) - The provider will ensure that the yellow dome climber is secured to prevent tip over. The consultant observed all other equipment to be secured on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The provider will ensure that the mulch on the Playground C is redistributed to maintain the required six inch depth.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that a thermometer is added to classroom 1L refrigerator to ensure the required temperature can be monitored where whole milk was being stored. The provider had thermometer in other classrooms and in the kitchen refrigerators that met the temperature requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. The consultant reminded the staff of classroom 1L and 1R to wash the infant and toddlers hands after diapering occurs.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the medication dates to administer match the authorized dates. The provider had one form dated September 19, 2022, and no indication was made regarding why the medication was not administered. The provider was able to update the record on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. The provider was transporting for before and afterschool on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2) - The provider will ensure that the one staff Documentation of Orientation is completed and make sure that all new hires complete the required form before the first day of employment.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the person entered in KOALA as the director meets the credential requirements, and the responsibilities as a director. The provider updated KOALA during the visit to reflect that Samantha Tate was the director.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that a Paraprofessional Certificate is on file for any lead teacher who has taken the GACE to meet the Lead Teacher qualifications for all Infant, Toddler and Preschool classrooms. The provider will ensure that the two staff members who took the GACE test will submit documents to the Georgia Professional Standard Commission to be evaluated to receive the Paraprofessional Certificate for the staff files.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that staff provides close supervision during restroom breaks, and will ensure during outdoor play that all areas of the playground are being properly supervised when children are playing on high equipment such as slides.