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Date: 1/22/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 2:45 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.
01/22/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/15/2019	Initial 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	A-1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2nd Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E-1st Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-18M-4yrs	45	C
Main	B-School Age	23	C
Main	C-Infants	11	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a change of ownership follow-up visit. The provider has a temporary license pending the annual fire marshal inspection.

2/10/2020 The final license was issued given the annual fire marshal inspection certificate was received.

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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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.

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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.

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(2) The consultant observed lesson plans posted in each classroom on this date. The provider will ensure current week's lesson plans always reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The center will add and rotate materials to support planned activities.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure equipment and furniture of weight and mass is secured to prevent a tipping or falling hazard. The provider removed a TV that was belted on a rolling cart in classroom B, which was not in use given the back of the TV could be pushed forward. The provider secured the radio/CD player in classroom C with double sided tape, and classroom A radio was moved to be stored in the closet. The provider stated, all equipment of weight or mass will be monitored to ensure they don't pose a tipping or push over hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. The provider stated, during the summer swim activities are provided off site and all DECAL swim rules and regulations are followed.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

591-1-1-.08(1) - The provider children records were organized and one file was missing the release persons address. The provider will obtain the missing address and ensure to monitor all enrollment packets for the required information.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) The provider will have the restroom ventilation units checked to increase the air flow to ensure proper ventilation is occurring. The ventilation unit motors could be heard, but little suctioning was observed during the tissue test.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2020

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(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation, classroom A had stained ceiling tiles in the restroom. In classrooms B and E, the bathroom toilet base had screws that were extending eight threads and not capped.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider stated, the ceiling tiles will be repaired and the toilet screws will be cut and capped. The provider will monitor the center daily to ensure all areas are in good repair and kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2020**Recited on 1/22/2020**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020**

.26(4) - The provider added wood slats to the bottom of the fence areas to cover the gaps. The provider will move the wood slats to the outside of the chain link fence by January 24, 2020. The provider will monitor the fence areas for gaps and ensure all fence rules and regulations remain compliant.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(6) The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor the equipment for rust areas that may need to be treated and/or painted such as the inside of the blue tunnel tubes. The playground equipment was in good condition on this date. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The consultant discussed with the provider to keep the mulch used for the resilient surface raked and fluffed to prevent hardening during cold weather. The provider stated, additional mulch will be added around the three foot yellow slide on playground A to maintain the required fall zones and depth.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The playground was in good repair on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider adding mulch around the sidewalks at each exit door to the playground to maintain the drop-off to no more than three inches. The provider was in the process of removing red dirt from an old inactive ant mound on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

Food Service

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

Not Met

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, classroom D had infant bottles stored in a mini refrigerator more than an hour with a temperature reading of 55 degrees.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider disgarded the infant formula stored in the mini-refrigerator and went to the store to purchase ready-to-feed formula during the visit for two infants. The center will train staff to follow the required infant feeding regulations, which includes ensuring the refrigerator is working properly. The provider stated the refrigerator in the infant room will be replaced, and bottles will be stored in the kitchen until the new refrigerator is received.. The provider stated, classroom D staff will radio available staff when bottles are needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation, the refrigerator top compartment had a temperature reading of 65 degrees with gallons of milk stored.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center lowered the thermostat for the upper compartment refrigerator and the temperature adjusted to 40 degrees. The provider replaced the milk and stated staff will be trained on monitoring proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

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 observation, classroom A and classroom D diapering exhaust fans were not operating on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider stated, the exhaust fan will be evaluated to determine if both units need to be replaced. The provider will monitor the diapering exhaust units to ensure they work properly.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2020

Recited on 1/22/2020

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the liquid soap is not diluted, and to monitor the back of the soap dispensers to ensure "keep out of reach of children" is not stated given they were sitting on the counters.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.20(3) The provider stated no medication has been dispensed since the last visit. The center shall maintain a record of medications dispensed that includes the dates, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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. The provider will contact the regional consultant before future transportation is provided to discuss DECAL rules and regulations.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - The provider had three cribs located in classroom D for the enrolled infants, and the provider added three additional cribs from storage during the visit to show accommodations for the capacity of six infants. The provider had six mats in classroom D for one-year-old children enrolled. The provider will ensure the cribs are available to be evaluated during licensing visits. All cribs had tight fitting sheets.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2020

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The provider will ensure all staff have the required background check before being allowed to work in the center.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records, the provider has two classrooms without lead teachers with a qualifying credential.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider stated teachers will be hired that meet the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience for classroom A and classroom E. The provider will ensure all classrooms are staffed to meet DECAL rule requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2020

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.