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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.
02/28/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/01/2018	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
09/05/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-Twos		0	0		17	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 1 year olds		0	0		13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- Infants		0	0		10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-3-4 year olds		0	0		26	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- Afterschool		0	0		13	C	18	C	
Main	F-School Age		0	0		20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 104					
Total # Children this Date: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 104					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- School age	0	C
Main	B	45	C
Main	C	16	C

Comments

Center is currently in good standing. Center is currently participating in Quality Rated.

New hire's local background check was observed.

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.

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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov

Stephanie Brookins, Program Official

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Facility

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9)Playground-Safe/Clean

Plan of Improvement: The center will maintain a hazardous free playground area for children to play in a safe area on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will recover any black lining with extra mulch on the playground areas before any children are allowed to use the playgrounds.	Director	04/27/2018	Developed			

Rule: 591-1-1-.33(3) Staff Training-Health and Safety Orientation

Plan of Improvement: To maintain trained staff to provide a safe environment for children on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will ensure each newly hired staff person obtains an approved Health and Safety Orientation training course within 90 days of being hired.	Director	03/28/2018	Completed	04/25/2018	Director has required all staff to participate in an approved Health and Safety Orientation training and any new staff will have it complete within the first 90 days of employment.	04/25/2018