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Date: 7/18/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

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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.
07/18/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/30/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/28/2017	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
One	A-Front left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
One	A-Front left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
One	B- Back left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
One	B- Back left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
One	C-Back right	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
One	C-Back right	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Two	D- Building Two	Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Two	D- Building Two	Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Two	E-Building Two Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Art
Two	E-Building Two Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	36	C	NA	NA	Art
Two	F		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 102			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	Infant-Toddler	13	C
One	Infant-Toddler	13	C

Two	School age	169	C
Two	School age	169	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/18/2017

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.



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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.

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 CSRefutations@decga.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://decga.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)

Frankie Jackson, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that lesson plans for each week are visible for viewing in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(a)-(f)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the doctors phone number is listed for each enrolled child as it was not listed for one of five children on this date when records were reviewed.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Staffing and supervision were discussed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2017

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

Met

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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 consultant observation that the following items needed cleaned or repaired:

- a live bug was observed on the diaper pad in the first left room
- the white paint on the door and door frame area at the top of the steps in the first right room was chipping paint
- a small area of the floor in the front left room was chipped
- the sink with the wooden bottom in the Room E of building two was chipping wood and paint
- blue floorboard in the girls restroom of Room F.
- yellow hand rails leading outside to the playground from Room E was chipping paint and had rust exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017

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 observation that fencing around the toddler playground on the right, left and top side near the parking lot have areas not secure to the ground, and the gate at the top hill of the playground was observed to have a gap at the bottom.

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: 8/1/2017

Recited on 7/18/2017

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/28/2017****Corrected on 7/18/2017****Citation observed to be corrected on this date.**

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

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

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

Per the 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 consultant review of records that the center has no conducted a tornado drill for the year of 2017 at this time. The last recorded tornado drill was June 14, 2016.

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: 7/23/2017

Safety

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

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The provider has compliance letter for cribs in the infant room dated before June 28, 2011.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2017**Correction Deadline: 3/29/2017****Corrected on 7/18/2017****.30(2)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.**

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff requirements met on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Supervision policies and procedures discussed on this date.