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Date: 8/30/2018 **VisitType:** Technical Assistance by Phone **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/28/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/23/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/28/2018	POI 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
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

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

Comments

TA Consultant completed a TA by Phone visit with the director on this date. All action steps were complete as agreed upon on this date. Due to myKOALA issues any completed action steps will delete from the system. The center also received two good standing regulatory visits on February 28, 2018 and August 23, 2018. The center will exit TA on this date. A copy of the exit letter was emailed to the director for a signature.

Plan of Improvement:

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@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)



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.decga.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@decga.gov

Stephanie Brookins, Program Official

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Safety

Rule: 591-1-1-.13(6)Name Tags on Field Trips

Plan of Improvement: The center will ensure that all children are supplied with proper name tags during all field trip activities.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will review the field trip procedures with all staff that participate in field trips to ensure they are following proper field trip procedures.	Director	07/12/2018	Completed		Director reviewed and retrained the field trip procedures with all staff that participate in field trips. Currently, the center has canceled field trips until further notice.	07/12/2018
2	Director will supply each child with a proper name tag prior to field trips that includes all the accurate information for field trips (7/12/18).	Director	09/07/2018	Completed		Director stated currently the center is not participating in any field trips. She stated that shirts will be provided for each child with appropriate information when participating in any future field trips.	08/30/2018

Rule: 591-1-1-.32(5)Staff: Child Ratios-Rest/Sleeping

Plan of Improvement: The director will ensure that ratios are met at all times including naptime on a daily basis to ensure children are cared for in a safe environment.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will review the ratio requirements during the regular day and during naptime with all staff to ensure they are aware of the proper procedures (5/17/18).	Director	08/24/2018	Completed		Director reviewed the ratio requirements with all staff including the first hour/last hour ratios and ratios for the remainder of the operating day and not to combine children of all ages during those specific times.	08/22/2018
2	Director will change the staff schedule to ensure teachers are available at the appropriate times in the morning to have adequate ratio requirements.	Director	08/22/2018	Completed		Director revised the work schedule to ensure appropriate staff are arriving at the necessary time to provide adequate supervision and to meet the ratio requirements.	08/23/2018