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Date: 10/15/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 1:45 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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
10/15/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	A-1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	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	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	D-2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
Main	E-1st Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 34			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 visit. The provider is pending additional documents to issue the final license. The provider will be issued a Temporary License.

The provider limited the classroom A to no more than fourteen children.

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.decgal.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

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@decgal.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://decgal.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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov

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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(7)(a) The provider had daily schedules posted in each classroom. The consultant discussed with the provider to add the end time for outdoor time to reflect the required one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a TV on a rolling cart to be secured by a belt. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure any equipment of weight or mass is secured to prevent a tipping hazard.

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated swimming is offered during summers months only at an off site pool located at an adjacent property. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all swimming rules and regulations are followed and documentation is kept on file for future licensing visits.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The provider is licensed for seventy-three (73) capacity.

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 three stained ceiling tiles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will have the roof checked for leaks and ensure the ceiling tiles are replaced. The center will monitor the facility to ensure it remains in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2019

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 observation, playground B had areas at the bottom of the fence with four-five inch gaps, and playground C had one area at the bottom of the fence with a gap posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider stated the fence gaps will be closed either by replacing the fencing or enclosing the gaps with mulch. The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor the playground using DECAL checklist to ensure all areas remain compliant.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the infant feeding plans are updated as food patterns change. The feeding plans were posted in the infant classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Comment

591-1-1-.18(12) The consultant observed the door to be closed. The provider stated children will be prohibited from being in the kitchen except as part of a planned, supervised learning experience.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.07(5) - The provider had one medication dispensed since the last visit that was compliant with DECAL regulations The provider will ensure all medication is locked inaccessible to children and a form giving permission is obtained from the parent before being dispensed.

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 diapering exhaust fan was not operating on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider stated, the exhaust fan will be repaired or replaced. The provider will monitor the exhaust fans to ensure they are operating properly.

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2019

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.20(1) - The provider had one medication dispensed since the last visit and parent permission was obtained. Documentation was on file on this date that met DECAL requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.20(3) - The provider had one medication dispensed since the last visit and parent permission was obtained. The provider will ensure medication was not dispensed before medication is dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

The consultant observed the emergency drill forms to be complete for all required drills. The provider stated, the emergency plans are scheduled to be reviewed with staff on October 16, 2019.

Safety

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) The consultant observed in classroom D infants through one year olds five (5) cribs that met the consumer product safety standards, and the provider had mats for one year olds. The provider stated, if additional infants enroll additional cribs will be provided that meet Consumer Product Safety Standards (CPSC).

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2019

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - The consultant observed the cribs to have tight fitting sheets on this date. The provider stated, the center no longer has the sheets that did not fit tightly.

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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

The consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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. The provider has a supervision plan for the route to the playground.