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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.
04/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/22/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/21/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	PreK back	GA PreK	2	18	C	15	NC	21	C	Art,Outside
Main	Pre-K front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	RM 1:1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Music
Main	RM 2: 2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	RM 3	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	RM 4: Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Feeding
Main	Room 6	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD 1-Right	97	C
Main	PGD 2-Middle	30	C
Main	PGD 3-Left	133	C

Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on April 12, 2022. The administrative review was completed April 28, 2022. The Consultant completed exit conference by phone and a copy of licensing study report was electronically emailed to the Program on May 5, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/12/2022

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Andrew Lipski, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that five of the six classrooms did not have current lesson plans available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Not Met

Comment

Children records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records submitted that in each classroom one person is initialing all the children's arrival and departure records. The parent and/or the authorized pick up persons of the children had not signed the children in and out of the center during arrival and departure as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Recited on 4/12/2022

	Facility
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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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Monitor for chipping paint on the equipment and rust on the gate between the Pre-K and toddler playgrounds.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on the consultant's observations that there were several equipment hazards on the playground. On the Pre-K playground, the rope ladder on the side of the rock structure was broken, the wooden shed structure had three nails protruding out of the wood and chipping paint was observed on the handle bars of five sea-saws. On the toddler playground, the wooden shed structure had splintering wood and exposed screws on the side of the structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair, replace or remove the cited items. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - discussed USDA milk requirements. Unflavored whole milk must be served to 1 year olds; unflavored low-fat or fat-free milk must be served to children 2 through 5 years old; and unflavored low-fat, unflavored fat-free, or flavored fat-free milk must be served to children 6 years old and older and adults.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly and that the updated feeding plans are used for all enrolled infants. .

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete for the two forms submitted.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed to complete emergency drills as required.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date. Please post the current Bright from the Start license rule book.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed with the director about replacing some of the older crib mattress and mats. Crib Mattress provided for each crib and should be firm, tight-fitting without gaps between the mattress and sides of the crib, at least two inches (2") thick and covered with waterproof, washable material. Sleeping mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2010	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2010	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2010	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2009	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/03/2005	
Staff # 10	Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 03/18/2019

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2019

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired items in first aid kits.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Corrected on 4/12/2022

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Annual training for the year 2021 was complete for the requested staff.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2021

Corrected on 4/12/2022

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during the visit. Appropriate ratios were observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2021

Corrected on 4/12/2022

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be completed. Adequate supervision was observed during the visit.