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Date: 3/7/2022 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 1:20 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. 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.
03/07/2022	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	Room 10-J (4 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 11-K (School Age)	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 12- L (School Age)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 13-M (School Age)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1-A (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering
Main	Room 2-B (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	3	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Dia pering
Main	Room 3-C (1 Yrs.)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 4-D (2 Yrs)	One Year Olds	1	1	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 5-E (3 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 6-F (3 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	31	C	Nap
Main	Room 7-G (3-4 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 8-H (3-4 Yrs)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 9-I (4 Yrs-PreK_	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							
Total # Children this Date: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (6 Wks-4 Yrs)	92	C
Main	Playground B (3 Yrs & Up)	197	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was for in person MV POI/Follow-Up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2022

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)

Kylie Layton, Program Official

Date

Cresia Jackson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

This citation is correct on this date. No staff is allowed to conduct rectal temperature checks.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that class room (10) had a plunger in the bathroom accessible to the children. It was further determined that classroom (6 and 11) had a vacuum, broom and dust pans stored in the bathrooms accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on observation that the storage doors was not latched or locked in most of the class rooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. Center had received loads of wood chips to distribute over the play ground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

This citation was determined to be correct on this date. The center reports that rectal temperature checks are no longer allowed and performed in the center.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

This citation was observed to be correct on this date. Center staff reports rectal temperature checks or no longer allowed at the center.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the teacher in class room (2) did not wash the hands of 2 infants after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that the teacher in class room (2) was observed to not wash hands before or after diapering 2 infants. It was further determined that the teacher preceded to feed the infant child after diapering the infant.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2021

Corrected on 3/7/2022

This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children. Consultant discussed tone with teacher in class room (4).

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined It was determined based on observation that an infant was allowed to sleep in a bouncer and not moved to a safe approved crib as required for infant sleep.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 27****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2019	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2019	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2016	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.