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Date: 7/25/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-50258

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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.
07/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/02/2021	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	A-infant	Infants	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-toddler	One Year Olds	3	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E-2's rm		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-3-4's		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main	Rm B	Infants	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	RM D-2's	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm F-3's	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	13	C	18	C	Lunch
Main	Rm G		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main	Rm I	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning
Main	Rm J	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176

Total # Children this Date: 81

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and Up	78	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks - 2 yrs	45	C

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on July 25, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 1, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 9, 2022, and a copy of the was emailed to the provider on this day.

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.dec.al.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



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.al.ga.gov 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)

Brittany Marcus, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that in classroom C there were four chairs, in classroom D there were five chairs and in classroom F there were three chairs that were missing the protective cover on the feet presenting a hazard to children in care. Additionally, in classroom F there was a blue vinyl chair with tears in the corners exposing the foam and causing it to be unable to be kept clean.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in Classrooms A, B, C, D, and F there were Air Purifiers that were of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that there was not a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials available and accessible to children in Classroom J as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2022

.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The play equipment at the back of the playground was free of the two bolts protruding from the bottom piece where the equipment was anchored to the ground.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2022

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no observable ant beds on the playground B.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) requires Center Personnel to hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding. It was determined based on observation that an infant was lying in a bassinet in Classroom A drinking a bottle and not being held or their head elevated as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to hold infants less than six months old or who can not hold their own bottle, to never prop bottles and to elevate infant's heads during feeding. The director will monitor Staff to ensure appropriate feeding procedures are followed.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A there was 1 of 15 fifteen baby bottles not labeled with the individual child's name as required. Additionally, in classroom A the temperature of the refrigerator was at fifty-one (51) degrees and not the forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Recited on 7/25/2022

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in classroom C two one-year-old children had amber bead necklaces around their neck.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Recited on 7/25/2022

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(11) requires that containers used for the storage of disposable and non-disposable items such as diapers, washcloths and bed linens be: leak proof or have a leak proof disposable liner, covered, easily cleaned and maintained so contents are not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in the bathroom of Classroom D the trash can was without a lid, full of soiled diapers and accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide the required number and type of containers and will provide instruction regarding the use, cleaning and storage of the containers.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

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 in classroom I and J that children did not wash their hands after eating lunch as required.

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: 7/25/2022

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on bus #1 with tag number #8034 the first seat on the driver's side had a torn seat with foam exposed and the back of the third seat had a hole exposing foam. Additionally, on bus #2 with tag #8314 all seats on the bus were torn with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Recited on 7/25/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom A three of four crib sheets and in Classroom B two of six crib sheets were not tight-fitting as required. Additionally, an infant in Classroom B was asleep in a crib with no sheet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/02/2022	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2022

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2016

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 4 did not meet the minimum academic requirements for a lead teacher as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2022

.32(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The required staff:child ratio was met for each age group.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom A staff was not seated within an arm's distance away while three (3) one-year-old children were eating. Additionally, in Classroom D staff were not seated within an arm's distance away while fifteen (15) two-year-old children were eating.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022