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Date: 5/5/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-57039

Bright Horizons Preschool

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/14/2022	ILS with PTO	Good Standing

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.

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	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Diapering, Circle Time, Free Play
Main	Art Room	Infants	1	6	C	0	NC	NA	NA	
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	3	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Clean Up, Music, Diapering, Centers
Main	D	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Main	E	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	F	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G		0	0	C	60	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 78			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	49	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/05/2023

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.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), 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)



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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Courtney Lane, Program Official

Date

Rena Keene, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that 35 square feet of usable space per child was not provided in Room B and in the room currently licensed as an Art Room. Eight (8) one-year-old children were present in Room B which is licensed for seven (7) children. The Art Room had six (6) infants present in a space that was licensed for five (5) children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure that bolts used to anchor equipment is kept maintained to be completely flush with the ground. The plastic casing that protrudes from the ground beside the heating and air conditioning unit area should be removed so as not to cause a tripping hazard to the children. The plastic was covered at one time, but the covering no longer fits and so that it can be attached to the casing. According to the director, this serves no purpose, and agreed to remove it.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2022**Corrected on 5/5/2023**

.26(6) - All equipment was observed to be in good condition. Director stated that the equipment which was previously cited for having cracked or broken seats and not properly attached has been removed.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(3) Please ensure that all baby bottles and formula are labeled with the individual child's name as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023**Health and Hygiene**

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - Staff were reminded of the steps to be taken when cleaning the diaper-changing surface after diapering each child. The area should be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfecting the area with a disinfectant solution. When possible, the disinfecting liquid should be left on the changing surface at least two minutes prior to wiping the solution off of the surface.

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 Consultant's observation that infants are currently being housed in the classroom originally licensed and labeled as the Art Room. This room was not approved for the care of diapered children and no ventilation system was installed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will have a ventilation system installed within ten days and will not perform diapering duties in an area that is not equipped properly.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(6) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Staff should not have cleaning solutions and bottles that contain disinfectants on the changing table while children are being diapered.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste. The trash can in the bathroom in Classroom A was observed to be uncovered.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the Room previously licensed as the Art Room with a licensed capacity of five children is now being used for infants. The room is not equipped with a ventilation system. Additionally, Room D was originally licensed for the care of infants, but the diaper-changing table has been removed from the room and the room is now being used for the care of four-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted. The Director will make the necessary application in the center's KOALA account, and obtain the necessary approvals to continue to use the areas as they are currently being used.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)4. requires that the Staff person on the vehicle, responsible for keeping the passenger transportation checklist, give the completed passenger transportation checklist to the Director or the Director's designated Staff person at the Center immediately upon return to the Center at the completion of the trip once the vehicle has been checked or the next business day following the completion of the trip if the vehicle did not return to the Center at the end of the trip or if the Center was closed when the vehicle returned. Please be sure that the person responsible for checking the vehicle after each trip leaves the completed checklist with the director prior to leaving the center for another school pick up.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 5/5/2023

.09(1)(a) - All staff were observed to have satisfactory records check determinations on file. One staff member had been ported from another center and all correct procedures were followed.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 5/5/2023

.09(1)(c) - All staff were observed to have satisfactory records check determinations on file. One staff member had been ported from another center and all correct procedures were followed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. Please be sure to add any missing items to the first aid kit on the bus.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 Consultant's observation that watchful oversight of children in Classrooms D and F was not provided at all times. In Classroom D, where the four-year-old children were housed, the teacher was observed to walk out of the classroom to check on two children who were in the bathroom across the hallway. Additionally, the teacher in Classroom F was caring for three-year-old children and two children were observed to be in the bathroom while the other eleven children were seated at the tables while the teacher was reading a story. On two occasions, the teacher had to leave the classroom and go into the bathroom to bring two children out of the stall area, leaving the main classroom unattended.

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. In rooms where there is only one teacher, Director will ensure that help is obtained from other staff to cover the classrooms to ensure that supervision is provided to all children at all times, even when bathroom visits are necessary.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023