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Date: 5/16/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-2455

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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.
05/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/10/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg 1	Room 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 1	Room 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 1	Room 3		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	Room 4 (Pre-K)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	TV
Bldg 2	Room 5	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 2	Room 6	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 2	Room 7 (Pre-K)	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 3	Room 10	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	39	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 3	Room 11		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 3	Room 8	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 3	Room 9	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Monitoring visit completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/16/2023

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.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

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

Chaka Tucker, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys and replacing torn blocks to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(3) requires that equipment and furniture be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision. It was determined based on observation tables and chairs were stacked on top of each other in the following rooms:

- * Building 1 Room 1 and Room 2
- * Building 2 Room 6 and Room 7
- * Building 3 Room 8

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will re-position the identified equipment and/or furniture and the director will view each classroom to verify appropriate make changes, as needed, and have a system to monitor these items.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

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 toys were packed up, not available on open shelves and accessible to children as required in the following rooms:

- * Building 1 Room 1, Room 2, and Room 9
- * Building 2 Room 4 and Room 7

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: 6/15/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities per the director on this date.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * Building 1 Room 1 - Unlocked cabinet with a staff member's purse on a low shelf / Broom and dust pan out in the classroom
- * Building 1 Room 2 - Broom and dust pan out in the classroom / unlocked cabinet with a staff member's purse, stapler, ultra cleaning spray and clorox wipes, labeled, "keep out of reach of children" / staff member's purse in cubby area
- * Building 1 Room 9 - Broom and dust pan out in the classroom
- * Building 2 Room 6 - Vacuum cleaner out in the classroom / Baby wipes and hand sanitizer located on the television stand, labeled, "keep out of reach of children."
- * Building 3 Room 8 - Mop / duster out in the classroom

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: 5/16/2023**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair as required. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all light fixtures are covered in the children's bathrooms as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the yellow tunnel is free of chipped paint and rust and to replace rusted "O" hooks on the chains that connect to the swings.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playground is kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure tree roots were sprayed located beside the blue slide with the red ladder on the school aged playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time per the director.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in B4856 was completed on June 17, 2022.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

Please include address of destinations on transportation checklist as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records the driver or other designated person did not immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for children listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time the children entered and exited the vehicle during routine morning and afternoon home transportation during the week of May 8, 2023 through May 11, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records the driver or other designated person did not document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time children departed from the center, loaded or unloaded at the home location and when the vehicle returned to the center during the week of May 8, 2023 through May 11, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of sheets was discussed with the director on this date. There were no infants enrolled on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.