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Date: 3/16/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/01/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/28/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Rm A:1R :-9-18 mo	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm B: 1L: toddlers		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm C: 2L: 2yr olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch
Main	Rm D: 3L: 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm E: 2R :4 yrs olds	GA PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm F: 4L Middle:3 yrs	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm G: 3R: GA- Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm H: 4R: GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm I: 5R: 3 yrs		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm J: 5L: 4 yrs	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm K: 6L:5-12 yrs		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 90

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	21	C
Main	Playground B	107	C
Main	playground C	88	C
Main	Playground D	41	C

Comments

LS completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/30/2023

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Kandyce Givens, Program Official

Date

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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(3) requires the Center to offer opportunities for each child to make choices in a variety of activities. It was determined based on observation there was not a variety of toys / activities for children in the second left, third left, fourth left, fifth left, sixth left, third right and fifth right classrooms as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Recited on 3/16/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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 as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023

Correction of citation in that the bathrooms and classrooms were not in use as this time per the director. There were no children present in the two classrooms.

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 present:

- * Staples were located in the walls in the second left, fifth left, and third right classrooms.
- * Staff member's purses were located on top of the cubby in the third right classroom and in an unlocked cabinet in the fourth right classroom.
- * A toilet plunger was located in the children's bathroom in the third right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined the following items were not in good repair as required:

- * A hole was in the wall in the fifth left children's bathroom.
- * A hole was in the door of the boy's bathroom in the sixth left classroom.
- * The toilet tissue holder was broken in the fifth right, fourth left, and sixth left children's bathrooms.
- * Ceiling tiles were buckled and discolored in the second right children's bathroom and discolored in the fourth right children's bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Recited on 3/16/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute throughout the playground areas.

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 observation the following equipment contained hazards:

* Rusted "S" and "U" hooks were present at the bottom of the four swings on Playground B. Additionally, two red tri-cycles were also rusted with chipped paint present.

* Chipped paint and rust was present on the handle bars of the multi-colored climbing structure on Playground B.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Recited on 3/16/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the ground is level near the two picnic tables on Playground C in order to prevent any potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records three out of seven infants enrolled had incomplete infant feeding plans as the plans did not have instructions for the introduction of solid foods as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023

Correction of citation in that handwashing was observed for children in care after diaper changing as required.

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

N/A

Comment

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

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in V9314 was completed on May 11, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in Y4806 was completed on June 8, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in G2701 was not in use at this time per the director.

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 each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist when children exited the vehicle during routine afterschool transportation from Wesley Lakes Elementary School on March 10, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records the second designated staff person did not conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle during routine afterschool transportation from Walnut Creek Elementary School on March 10, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed 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.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on December 1, 2022.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2022 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)

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 a six-year-old and a one-year-old child were in the front lobby area standing behind the desk alone and unsupervised. Additionally, a staff member in the third left classroom was not seated within arm's length away from one-year-old children in care during lunch time as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023