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Date: 7/11/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 2:35 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.
07/11/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/11/2022	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
Main	A-1R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-1L-2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C-1L Back-1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D-2L-Infants	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	E-Back Left-4's	Five Year Olds	1	15	C	23	C	33	C	Free Play
Main	F-Back Right- 3's &4's	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	33	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120							
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	24	C
Main	PG B	94	C
Main	PG C	55	C

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/11/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jacquelyn Dunn, 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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

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
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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

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

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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Technical Assistance

Please ensure potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

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 based on observation the ceiling tiles were not in good repair and were discolored in Classrooms B through Classroom F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023

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

Please ensure that playground 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 monitor for chipped paint and rust on the basketball goal, red seesaw, "S" hooks and triangular connectors attached to the swing sets on Playground C.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure resilient surfacing is added, fluffed and redistributed on Playground B surrounding the red, blue and yellow climbing structure and the blue and green climbing structure beneath the equipment and fall zone areas. Please ensure it is adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playgrounds are kept free of hazards. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the water hose is properly secured and the small hole is filled with sand in order to prevent a tripping hazard on Playground C.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

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

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills for 2023 as required.

591-1-1-29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. The last field trip was taken on July 6, 2023.

591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for both vehicles used in transporting children on this date with an expiration date of August 12, 2023.

Comment

The vehicles with tag numbers ending in Y8649 and B7511 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kits on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the interior of transportation vehicles are in safe repair and free of hazardous items. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the small seat tears are repaired in both vehicles used in transporting children as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position 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 two files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on January 25, 2023.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles as required on this date.

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 staff annual training for 2022.

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.

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.