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Date: 1/31/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 5:40 PM

CCLC-50413

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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.
01/31/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/31/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/31/2022	Complaint Closure	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	A1 (1st Rt.)	Infants	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	A2 (2nd Rt.)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	A3 (3rd Rt.)	One Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	A4 (4th Rt.)	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A5 (5th Rt.)	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6 (6th Rt.)	GA PreK	2	22	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	A7 (Middle Bk)		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Main	B1 (1st Lf.)	Infants	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B2 (2nd Lf.)	One Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B3 (3rd Lf.)	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B4 (4th Lf.)	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B5 (5th Lf.)	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215

Total # Children this Date: 152

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA1 (Fr. Rt.)	19	C
Main	PA2 (Bk Rt)	54	C
Main	PB1 (Fr Lf)	22	C

Main	PB2 (Bk Lf)	50	C
Main	Playground E (Middle field)	32	C

Comments

CI/LS conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/31/2023

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!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the center provides a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth to each child in care. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys with the director to enhance variety for the school aged children.

Comment

Discussed replacing torn blocks in centers throughout classrooms with the director to ensure proper daily disinfecting.

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

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-.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(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 following was not in good repair:

- * Borders surrounding the play areas in the middle back, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth right, along with borders in the third, fourth and fifth left classrooms had chipped paint and splintered wood present.
- * Cabinets had chipped paint and were warped in the second and third right classrooms as well as in the second and third left classrooms.
- * Ceiling tiles were discolored in the fourth right and third left classrooms. Additionally, the ceiling was reportedly leaking and tiles were discolored in the third right classroom.
- * Rusted screws were present at the base of the toilets in the third and fourth left classroom bathrooms.
- * The storage cabinet door was not properly secured in the second right classroom.
- * The closet door in the sixth right classroom was not properly aligned as it was difficult to lock.

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: 2/21/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed due to rain throughout the playground areas.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playground is free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots, exposed sharp edges of concrete, etc. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure tree limbs were cut so that they did not protrude through the fence on front left playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Food Service**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 infant feeding plans for 32 infants enrolled were not up to date in that they were missing instructions for the introduction of solid foods.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation containers of cereal and rice were stored in containers on the floor of the kitchen storage room instead of on shelves as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation a staff member in the forth left classroom placed a two-year-old child's bowl of mashed potatoes on the diaper changing table in which the table had been used for diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

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

Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

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 for 2022 as required.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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

Staff Records

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

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

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

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

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.