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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/13/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-51789

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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.
12/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/25/2021	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 2	Room B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	28	C	39	C	TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Bldg C-1221	Back Room-infants-tuos	One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg C-1221	Front Room- intants to twos	Infants	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Main	Room A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Supper,TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	23	C

Comments

MV completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/13/2022

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/Regulations.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



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!

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)

KAHAUNANI HOOK, Program Official

Date

April Brown, 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

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 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 present and accessible to children in care:

* Building two (Room B) - Windex, Topfin cleaner and a first aid kit labeled, "Keep out of reach of children" were located in a room that separated Room B and Room A. Additionally, trash bags, baby wipes, and febreze, labeled, "Keep out of reach of children" were located in the children's bathroom.

* Building C (Room B) - Aquaphor cream, labeled, "Keep out of reach of children" was located on top of the diaper changing table. Additionally, the rug was uplifted in two edges which posed as a tripping hazard.

* Main building (Room A) - baby wipes and hand sanitizer, labeled, "Keep out of reach of children" were located in the children's bathroom and on top of the water fountain.

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: 12/13/2022

Recited on 12/13/2022

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 closet door in Building C (Room B) was not in good repair as it was off of the hinge.

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: 12/16/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the left, right and rear near the parking did not measure (4) feet high but measured (3) feet (11) inches. Additionally, the fence located in the back rear had a gap underneath that measured approximately seven inches which was an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2023

Recited on 12/13/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

Correction of citation in that playground equipment was anchored and in good repair as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation the tripod climber had two inches of resilient surface instead of six inches of resilient surface which was required. Additionally, the surrounding borders measured 4 feet 10 inches out instead of six feet out which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2023

Food Service

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all high chairs have safety straps as required. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks.

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and staff members 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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time per the director.

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 member on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2022

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Met
Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 05/12/2022
Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2020
Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on April 19, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

Correction of citation in that every employee had a records check application submitted to the Department as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

Correction of citation in that each employee had a valid and current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

Correction of citation in that all employees had a satisfactory comprehensive records check from the Department as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

Correction of citation in that supervision was discussed with the director and staff members and corrected on this date,