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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/27/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:30 PM

Departure: 5:00 PM

CCLC-28234

Bright Minds Learning and Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
12/27/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/02/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/17/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	L 1L A	One Year Olds	2	1	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	L 1R F	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L 2L B	One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	L 2R E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L 3L C		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 3R D	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	R 1L G		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	R 1R L	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	R 2L H	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	R 2R K	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	23	C	Snack
Main	R 3L I	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	R 3R J		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219							
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	85	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

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)

Beverly Edwards, Program Official

Date

Alison Benson, Consultant

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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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 12/27/2022

.03(14) - Per director, this has been addressed and all videos will be approved prior to viewing in the classrooms.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022****Corrected on 12/27/2022****.07(2) - This has been corrected.**

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022****Corrected on 12/27/2022****.10(4) - The diaper changing process was observed to be correct on this date.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022****Corrected on 12/27/2022****.17(8) - The staff was observed to state the correct diaper changing procedures on this date.**

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

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Discussed transportation training with director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records, the center could not locate a current annual inspection for the vehicles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 10/31/2011	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met****Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022****Corrected on 12/27/2022****.32(1) - Staff and child ratios were observed to be correct on this date.**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.