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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/26/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/26/2021	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/10/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
04/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Support

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	A-1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play, Nap, Lunch
Main	B-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch, Outside
Main	C - Second on Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Homework, Nap
Main	D-Back		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E - First on Left	One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 27						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Left	226	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The Licensing Study was completed on site and in conjunction with a complaint. The owner stated a new center director was hired on 06-03-2021. The center currently has a total of 6 staff with 4 staff being new hires. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips taken and routine transportation is provided.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Morgan Phillips, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

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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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(5) - The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - The center director will ensure that each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. (One of six yellow bucket feeding seats located in the one-year-old classroom was missing the safety strap.)

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(6) - The center director will ensure that all bathrooms are equipped with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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(13) - The center director will ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. (Broom and dust pan in the infant classroom, the one-year-old classroom accessible to the children,

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The center director will ensure that 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. (White wooden baby gates in the infant classroom is chipping paint. Three classroom doors are peeling paint).

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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

Not Met

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 that one Little Tykes Red Coupe located on the small playground was missing the gas cap leaving a hole the size of a quarter. Additionally, four of four bouncey see saw seats located on the large playground had freying tape over the wood seats causing a potential choking hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2021

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 and measurement that the blue merry-go-round located on the large playground had no resilient surface where six inches are 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: 9/7/2021

Food Service

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

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The center director will ensure that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. (Diaper changing table in the one-year-old classroom had sand in it).

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(6) - The center director will ensure that garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that 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. It was determined based on observation that 1 seven - month - old infant did not have their hands washed after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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

Met

Comment

The center director stated no medication is administered.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - The center director will ensure that all required items are placed in the vehicle first aid kit and in date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The center director will ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2021

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

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 12/01/2017

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2020

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.

Comment

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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 Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2. - The center director will ensure that she possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii).

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.