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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/29/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 7:40 AM

Departure: 9:40 AM

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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.
10/29/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/06/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	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	Dn 10 - 1st Lt-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Dn 5 - 1st Rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Dn 6 - 2nd Rt	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Dn 7 - 3rd Rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Dn 8 - 4th Rt	Five Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Dn 9 - 2nd Lt	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up 1 - 1st Lt	Infants	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Up 2 - 2nd Lt	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Up 3 - 2nd Rt	One Year Olds	3	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	Up 4 - 1st Rt After-School	Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 95			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted October 29 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2021

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)

Anna Kelly, Program Official

Date

LaTanya Barber-Swift, Consultant

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-.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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of children's files that the following documents were missing:

- 5 of 5 parent work number
- 5 of 5 parent work address

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 year old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Comment

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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.

Staff Records

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/30/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2009	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/17/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2013	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2021	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2017	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2015	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/14/2020	

Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/15/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/01/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/20/2012	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 12/16/2015	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 06/04/2013	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 04/23/2018	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	Met

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 10/05/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 26

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.