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Date: 3/7/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-53726

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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.
03/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/06/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/25/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

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: 1R (6wks- 12mth)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Free Play
Main	B: 2R (2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C: 3R-Two-Year-Old Room	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D: 4R	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	E: 5R (Preschool 1)	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Lunch
Main	F: 6R Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	32	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G: 5L (Pre-K)	Five Year Olds and GA PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H: 4L (School Aged)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J: 2L (After School)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K: 1L (1's)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 100			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A - LF (6 wks- 24 mths)	18	C
Main	PG B - LB/B (2 yr- 12 yr)	101	C
Main	PG C - RS (6wks- 3 yrs)	74	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up on the previous visit completed on May 25, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2023

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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
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- 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 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)



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.al.ga.gov 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:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked. Per director, the center does not provide any swimming activities for the enrolled children.

Children's Records

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

Met

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

Please ensure to monitor restroom and diapering ventilation for dust build-up and normal wear and tear.

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom B: 2R - A bottle of "Off Kids Insect Repellent Spray," "Parent's Choice Diaper Rash Ointment," and "Aquaphor Ointment" were stored in several children's cubbies located on the front-right side of the classroom.
- Classroom C: 3R - A plunger, mop, and a toilet brush were sitting next to the toilet inside the restroom located on the front-right side of the classroom across from the diaper changing table. A bottle of "Aquaphor Ointment," "Vaseline," and four packs of wipes were stored in several children's cubbies located on the front-left side of the classroom.
- Classroom D: 4R - Two containers of "Aquaphor Ointment" and 10 packs of wipes were stored in an unlocked cabinet underneath the diaper changing table located on the back-left side of the classroom. A tube of "Desitin Diapering Ointment," eight packs of wipes, two bottles of "Vaseline," a bottle of "Aveeno Baby Lotion," and a tube of "Dr. Talbot's Soothing Gel" were stored in several children's cubbies located on the front left-side of the classroom.
- Classroom K: 1L - A tube of "Think Baby Sunscreen," "Cortizone-10 Eczema Ointment," "Desitin Diapering Ointment," and four packs of wipes were stored in several children's cubbies located on the front-right side of the classroom.
- Classroom E: 5R - A mop bucket and a mop were sitting in the restroom located on the back-right side of the classroom.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

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: 3/7/2023**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 that the light fixture and ventilation combo was not covered exposing the light bulb located in the second-left restroom located on the back-left side of classroom G: 5L. Further observation revealed that three window screens adjacent to classrooms A: 1R and C: 3R were torn exposing the glass window facing playground C - RS (6wks - 3 yrs).

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: 3/7/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the playgrounds for the following hazardous items:

- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., ant mounds, bees, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and toys.

Per the director, the large playground structure located on playground B is currently under construction. The consultant discussed ensuring that the children do not have access to the playground equipment until construction is completed.

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 that the fall zones surrounding the green, red, blue, tan, and orange sliding structure located on playground B - LB/B (2yr-12yr) contained approximately one-inch of resilient surface. Further observation revealed that the fall zones surrounding the purple, blue, yellow, and red sliding structure contained approximately one-inch of resilient surface located on playground C - RS (6wks-3yrs). Approximately six-inches of resilient surface was required around the fall zones of each sliding structure.

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: 3/17/2023

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that staff members immediately wash their hands and children's hands upon completing the diapering procedures. Please ensure to monitor the normal wear and tear of the diaper changing pad and dirt build-up underneath the diaper changing pad.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have documentation of the start date and end date to administer "Albuterol HFA." Further review of records revealed that the center did not have documentation of the scheduled time to administer "Albuterol HFA."

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily. The center will ensure that the parents document the start date, end date, and times to administer all medications.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a prescription for "Hydrocortisone 2.5% Cream" was stored in a child's cubby located on the front-left side of classroom C: 3R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not complete two lockdown drills for the year 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years. The center will complete fire drills monthly and tornado drills and lockdown drills every six-months.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2023

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed the emergency preparedness plan with the provider. Please ensure to review the plan with staff members and update the center's plan as needed.

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.

Comment

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

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that the second-right crib mattress and the third-right crib mattress was torn with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least two inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. The center will also ensure to replace the two torn crib mattress and continue to monitor the mattresses for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Staff Records

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

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Comment

The director provided five files for staff members hired since the previous visit was completed on May 25, 2022. The consultant observed five of five newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to add the following items to the first aid kit:

- Tweezers
- Anti-bacterial ointment
- Protective eyewear

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

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on review of records that the director did not complete the required four-clock hours of nutrition training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2023

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.