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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/25/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/25/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support
01/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/04/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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: 1R	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B: 2R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: 3R	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	D: 4R	Six Year Olds and Over	3	24	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	E: 3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	30	C	42	C	Free Play
Main	F: 2L	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: 1L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Total # Children this Date: 86			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Right	33	C
Main	PG B Back	16	C
Main	PG C Left	57	C

Comments

05-25-2022: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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/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
- 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)

Rob Skilling, Program Official

Date

Tasha McDonald, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed provider to ensure that equipment and furniture are in good condition in all classrooms on this date.

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed provider to ensure the safe storage of hazardous items inaccessible to the children on this date.

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 several toilet bolts were exposed and contained rust and the toilet paper holders were broken containing exposed bolts in the children's restrooms throughout the center. Chipped paint was observed on the back walls near the children's cubbies and in the restroom located in classroom E:3L and a quarter-size hole was observed on the left wall behind the teacher's desk located in classroom D:4R. A two-inch hole was observed on the outside of the window screen located in classroom B:2R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant spoke with program director about paint needed on classrooms' walls and bathrooms. Director stated repairs will be made in classrooms and children's bathrooms as soon as possible.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Recited on 5/25/2022

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the fence to be in good repair on this date.

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 there were several missing and/or broken merry-go-round bicycle pedals and the rubber landing covering attached to the sliding structure was peeling and contained several cracks located on Playground C. The red and black wooden train also contained peeling paint, cracks, broken wheels, and broken wooden pieces throughout the structure located on Playground C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The center will repair all broken equipment notated.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Recited on 5/25/2022

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 a merry-go-round was installed between two swing support poles preventing an adequate area for a fall zone for the area.

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: 5/25/2022

Recited on 5/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation several black mats were stacked on the ground located on Playground A creating a potential tripping hazard. Several black mats between the bicycle merry-go-round and the wooden train on Playground C contained several cracks creating a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground for potential hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Recited on 5/25/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.20(1) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed the parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.20(2) -The previous citation has been corrected in that the director stated the center no longer dispenses or administers medication to this child on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the transportation vehicle to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2022

.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation has been corrected. The consultant observed the center to have new booster seat on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation was deferred due to the provider having until December 31, 2022 to complete the required 10 hour of annual training for the year 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022