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**Date:** 11/18/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11/18/2024 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 07/13/2023 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 02/02/2023 | Monitoring Visit | 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 | 1st Left | Infants | 1 | 5 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play |
| Main | 1st Right (2 years) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | 2nd Left (1years) | One Year Olds | 1 | 4 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | 2nd Right (3 years) | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | 3rd Left (1year) | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | 3rd Right (school-age) | | 0 | 0 | C | 16 | C | 22 | C | Not In Use |
| Main | 4th Left (2 years) | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | Left Back (4 years) | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 14 | C | 18 | C | 25 | C | Outside |
| Main | Right Back (2 years) | Three Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 148 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 50 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 148 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Infant | 16 | C |
| Main | Preschool | 20 | C |
| Main | School Age | 32 | C |

| Enrolled Children | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Under 1 years** | **1 years** | **2 years** | **3 years** | **4 years** | **5 years (Prekonly)** | **5 years and older** |
| 10 | 10 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Comments**
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/18/2024

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.decal.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
- 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

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.

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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.

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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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal 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-.03 Activities** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**

**Corrected on 11/18/2024**
**.03(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed the lesson plans from each classroom during the visit.**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Not Met**

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

**Finding**
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that Main 1st Left and Main Right Back classrooms had chipped paint on the walls that were visible that pose as potential hazard. The was not observed in good repair as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/18/2024**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**
Center does not provide swimming activities.

## 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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based of observation that the carpet in the both hallways and in the Main 1st Left, Main 1st Right, Main 2nd Left, Main 2nd Right, Main 3rd Left, Main 3rd Right, Main 4th Left, Main Left Back, and Main Right Back classrooms had food stains and liquid stains that were evident and have not been cleaned as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 12/18/2024**

**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 the following items were found in these classrooms:

-Main 1st Right (2 years) Staff member's purse found in unlocked closet
-Main 2nd Left (1 years) Staff member's purse found in unlocked closet
-Main Right Back (3 years) Broom and Dust pan left out near the sink

**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: 11/18/2024**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2023**

**Corrected on 11/18/2024**
**.26(4) - This is citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the fence on the Left Back playground and the fence was repaired as required.**

**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 the following playground equipment has hazards present:

- On the Main School Aged playground the red steps leading two the top platform had peeling rubber with exposed rust and rough edges along the side of the bottom step.
-On the Main School Aged playground were four yellow metal dump trucks that were bent and rusted.

**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: 12/13/2024**

**Recited on 11/18/2024**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure to that the surfacing is being redistributed on the Main Preschool and Main School Age playgrounds.

**Correction Deadline: 11/28/2024**

**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 that there were two small active ant beds on  the Main Infant playground near the back gate and side of next to the building near the Main 4th Left classroom that presented a hazard to the children in care. There were serveral roots on the Main Infant playground and the Main Preschool playground that were exposed and did not meet the requirements. There was a drainage pipe that was exposed on the Preschool playground and presented a tripping hazard to the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 12/13/2024**

**Recited on 11/18/2024**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## 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 a review of records that the Center had not conducted any emergency drills for the calendar year 2024 as required by the Department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
An updated Emergency Drill Log was provided to Director. The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 11/18/2024**

**Recited on 11/18/2024**

## 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)** **N/A**

**Comment**
Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Staff Records

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

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Director provided four new staff files out of 15 staff files that were provided.

**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023**

**Corrected on 11/18/2024**
**.24(1) - This citation was corrected upon review of staff records on this date.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023**

**Corrected on 11/18/2024**
**.33(3) - This citation was corrected upon review of staff records. The staff member #11 which the staff member #10 on this visit completed the10-hour Health and Safety Orientation training on January 11, 2024.**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.33(5)- It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #9, and staff member #10 did not have evidence of completed ten hours of annual training for the calendar year 2023 as required. The staff member #9 had zero hours of training and staff member #10 had three hours of annual training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
Previously Cited: The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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: 12/31/2024**

**Recited on 11/18/2024**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023**

**Corrected on 11/18/2024**
**.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was corrected based upon review of staff records.**

## 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.