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Date: 6/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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Miss Daisy's Darlings Day Care Center

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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. 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.
06/13/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/28/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/12/2023	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	A	Infants	1	1	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	27	C	Transitioning
Main	E	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	19	C	26	C	Transitioning
Main	F	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109					
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Front	12	C
Main	Large/Right	63	C
Main	Toddler/Back	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	8	13	21	0	0	35

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decga.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.

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the soft sofas in classroom F (four-year-old/five-year-old) and classroom C (two-year-old) where rips are developing on the surface material. Also discussed to resecure the wood piece on the back of the small bookshelf in classroom F and the front panel of the water fountain in classroom E (school age) where they are becoming detached.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

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

Not Met

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Finding

591-1-1-.35(6) requires the Parents' written permission for a child to participate in a swimming activity. It was determined based on a review of documentation and staff discussion that evidence of written parental permission to participate in a swimming activity was not obtained prior to the center going on a field trip with 22 children to Tift County Recreation Department for swimming in water over two feet deep.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that parental permission is secured prior to a child's participation.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

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.

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.19(1) - The previous citation was corrected, licensed capacity was met in all classrooms.

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

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to monitor childrens' bags and cubbies for ointments and other hazards and ensure they are not accessible to children. Also, discussed please ensure toilet plungers and brushes are not stored on the floor in the bathrooms, to prevent them from being accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the area of wall in classroom C (two-year-olds) where a hole has developed, as well as the wall area above the paper towel holders in classroom E (school-age) where the paint is beginning to peel. Also discussed with Director to clean vents in bathrooms and classrooms to ensure dust accumulation is not present.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following areas of fencing were not in good repair:

-Far Left Playground:

the left top railing of the fencing was observed to have rust accumulation
the back left fencing was leaning and not secured
there was a five inch gap observed between the fence and pole in the back right corner
the lock chain on the gate was observed to have rust accumulation
the fencing on the far left side measured three feet nine inches, when four feet is required

-Back Middle Playground:

the fencing on the back side measured three feet nine inches, when four feet is required
one pole was observed missing on the back side of the fence and the fencing was observed leaning and not secured

-Far Right fencing:

two poles were observed to be detached from the fencing with a gap measuring four inches present

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the rocking horse on the toddler playground that is missing the handles.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(7) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and resecure the swingset framing on the toddler playgrounds where they are becoming loose to ensure the equipment is stable and secure.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.26(9) - Correction of the previous citation in that hazards were not observed present on the playground.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.10(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed diapering surfaces to be non porous and in good repair.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.17(7) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff to remind and assist children with hand washing as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.17(8) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed and staff stated proper hand washing.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure staff who participate in transportation and field trips obtain the required two-hour transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2025

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.36(4)(b) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the seats of the vehicles to be in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of documentation that evidence of a first check was not documented on the following recent field trips:

On June 5, 2025, on a field trip to Tift County Recreation Department with 13 children, upon returning to the center.

On June 6, 2025 on a field trip to Tift County Bowling Lanes with 21 children, upon returning to the center.

On June 12, 2025 on a field trip to Tift County Recreation Department with 22 children, upon returning to the center.

One June 13, 2025 on a field trip to Fulwood Park with 12 children, upon returning to the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of documentation that evidence of a second check was not documented on the following recent field trips:

On June 5, 2025, on a field trip to Tift County Recreation Department with 13 children, upon returning to the center.

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Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 7/5/2023

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.33(5) - Correction in the previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of staff to have completed the required 10 hours of training for 2024 as required.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.31(2)(c) - Correction in previous citation, Director stated new staff are in place for Lead Staff and are working on their credentials. A Professional Learning Plan was discussed and the Director will document their credential training as it progresses.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2025

.32(1) - Correction of previous citation in that staff/child ratios were observed to be met in all classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. . It was determined based on an observation and staff discussion that one - eight-year-old child was housed in classroom B with seven one-year-old children. It was also determined based on observation and staff discussion that five - five-year-old children were housed in classroom D when one - two-year-old was present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that supervision was not maintained in classroom B (one-year-olds) when the consultant observed the staff member to leave the classroom to step across the hall into the supply room, leaving seven one-year-olds and one eight-year-old unsupervised.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025