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Date: 5/1/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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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.
05/01/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Art Room	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	3	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room A - 3 yr olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - Toddlers to 2 yr olds	Infants	1	4	C	4	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Room C - Infants	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D - 4 to 12 yr olds	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	12	NC	17	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47					
Total # Children this Date: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	177	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. All questions were answered and Technical Assistance was provided in the area of Staff Records and Facility.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/15/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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:

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!



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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

Comment

Consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation in Room D-4 to 12 yr, that a thirty (30) gallon tank was not secured and posed a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system that is clean and free from dust build up.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Not Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. The restroom in Room D has a closet that contains the water heater. The door should be locked at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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 that the following hazards were located and was not stored in a locked area inaccessible to children:

- A staff bag or purse was on the floor accessible to children in care

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Recited on 5/1/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

It was determined based on observation that on board on one of two wooden picnic tables was loose and not in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Recited on 5/1/2024

Food Service

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week. Additionally all substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director and the assistant director to ensure that the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Appliance temperatures should be measured with a thermometer or measuring gauge.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2024

The diaper changing pad located in Classroom-B and throughout the center was observed to be in good repair on this dates.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2024

Observed all cribs to have tight-fitting sheet that were discussed to be changed daily as needed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2024

Appropriate ratios were observed throughout the center.

Comment

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