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Compliance Zone Designation		
08/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/11/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
06/11/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A1-1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	3	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	A2-2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-3rd Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	A4-4th RIght		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	A5-5th Right		0	0	C	30	C	42	C	
Main	A6-5th Left	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	B1-1st Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-2nd Left	Infants	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B3-3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B4-4th Left	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Centers
Main	B5-6th Right	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time
Main	B6-6th Left		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					
Total # Children this Date: 84		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A1	12	C
Main	Plgd-A2	128	C
Main	Plgd-B1	14	C
Main	Plgd-B2	96	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekony)**	**5 years and older**
21	14	26	18	48	0	47

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/20/2024

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.

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed current lesson plans need to be posted within the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024
.03(9) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the Dramatic Play shelf in the 5th Left Classroom needs to be secured. In addition, the cots need to be stacked with the legs on the floor and not on their sides due to a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) — **Not Evaluated**

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**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed that in 5th Left and 6th Right electrical outlets were missing cover that were in need of being replaced.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

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 accessible to children in care:

2nd Left:
plunger in the restroom

5th Left:
plastic bags in the cubbies
plunger in the restroom

5th Right:
vaccum and broom within the classroom

6th LeftL
toilet brush and vaccum in the restroom

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: 8/20/2024

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

Comment
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Comment
Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Finding
591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that in the 1st Left Classroom one of five infants did not have an infant feeding plan that addressed discussing with a physician the introduction to solid food and the parents inintals and in the 2nd Left three of six did not have the form completed. It was further determined that in the 1st Left three of five infants did not have the form within the classroom and in the 2nd Left one of six did not have the form within the classroom for staff to follow.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the kitchen island was observed to have a crack and was in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that in the 4th Left Classroom a staff member cleaned a child's nose and did not wash hands after.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.21(3) - Consultant discussed that the review of the emergency plan needs ot be gone over with staff and documented every six months.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment
Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the bus seats cannot have tape. The center just had the seats recovered and will need to have them again due to holes in the seats.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2024

Technical Assistance
Proper inspection checklist discussed and will need to be on file by August 26, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2024

Finding
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that bus ending in tag number 2418 was missing the rear view mirror.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st Right and 2nd Left Classroom cribs were not spaced accordingly and per the staff they remained the way they were while consultant was in the room at all times.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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-.14 First Aid & CPR — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #1 ,11, 13, 15 and 15 did not complete first aid and CPR within 90 days of hire.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

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

Finding
591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 1, 11, 13 and 14 did not complete health and safety within 90 days of hire.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.