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Date: 8/7/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/07/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/24/2023	Licensing Study	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	Room A- Prek I	GA PreK	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room B Prek II	GA PreK	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	Room C	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room H	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 79		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	105	C

Comments
Monitoring visit completed on August 7, 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)

QUALITY™ RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

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

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

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(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 classrooms had hazards accessible to children in care:
B- Cabinets above the cubbies had "Fabuloso", wipes, batteries, and teacher purse on the lowest shelf.
D- An EPI-Pen was in a child's book bag and wipes were on a low shelf.
G- In an unlocked cabinet below the diaper changing table were wipes.

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: 8/7/2024

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 in the following classrooms the listed items needed repair or cleaning:
C- The ceiling fan and ceiling had dust present and needed dusting.
D- There were two holes in the left side wall with sheet rock exposed. One measured one inch and the other measured seven inches. Also the ceiling and ceiling fan needed dusting.
G- There was peeling paint throughout the classroom and the walls to the right of the hand washing sink needed cleaning.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2024
.25(8) - Correction observed on this date. Cords were inaccessible on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 8/7/2024
.26(6) - Correction observed on this date. Bolts were inaccessible.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(6) - Please continue to monitor the tricycles and remove when damaged. Also monitor the red fire truck for wooden floor for splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2024

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 base don observation that the following needed repair>
The right side playground had exposed landscaping mat on the play area inside the white pipes posing a tripping hazard. Tree roots were also present near the front of the playground posing a tripping hazard.

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. Cover or remove the landscaping mat and spray paint the tree roots to help prevent tripping.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

Comment
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff hired March 11, 2024, had not submitted fingerprints.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review staff records to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review video to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that two had been present without a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. One staff hired 3-11-2024, had not received a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination. One staff did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination as there record check had expired 8-8-2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review staff records to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will review CRC videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Finding
591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff present had an expired CRC satisfactory letter on 8-8-2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review records to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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