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Date: 4/16/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-1925

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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.
04/16/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/27/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2023	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	Room 1/3yrs	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Room 2/ 3yrs	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room 3/3 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 4/ 4yr	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	24	C	34	C	Circle Time
Main	Room 6/4-5yr	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap, Diapering
Main	Room 7/Infants		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 8/Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	5	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room 5/4-5yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176					
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All other Enrolled	196	C
Main	Infant/Toddler	34	C

Comments

April 16, 2024--The Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/16/2024

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.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:

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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Lakishia Evans, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Regional Consultant

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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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Corrected on 4/16/2024

These corrections were observed during the visit. The Consultant discussed to continue monitoring the Center for items that needed repairing, such as baseboards that were not adhered to the wall.

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

Not Met

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 there was a 32 inch by 10 inch gap at the bottom of the fence on the seventh panel from the gate on the right side of the preschool playground.

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: 4/16/2024

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 4/16/2024

The correction was observed on this date. The equipment was removed from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Corrected on 4/16/2024

These corrections were observed during the visit on this date. The Consultant discussed to monitor for ant beds and to treat as needed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Corrected on 4/16/2024

The correction was observed during the visit on this date. Redirection was observed for disciplinary purposes. Staff were observed to speak in respectful tones during the visit.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed how time should be reflected on transportation documents.

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 records that the first check was not conducted for the following routes on April 12, 2024--PM Route for Floyd Storey Court, PM Route from Buena Vista Courthouse, PM Route from Hampton Lane Apartments, PM Route from Fobb Drive.

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: 4/17/2024

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 records that the second check was not conducted for the following routes on April 12, 2024--PM Route for Floyd Storey Court, PM Route for Buena Vista Courthouse, PM Route for Hampton Lane Apartments, PM Route for Fobb Drive.

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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: 4/16/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed. An infant was observed to be placed on their crib after they fell asleep on a boppy pillow.

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-.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

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Corrected on 4/16/2024

Staff were observed to provide direct supervision on this date.