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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/25/2023	Licensing Study	Deficient
10/18/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/20/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Bldg. I	1st Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	1st Right	Infants	2	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Bldg. I	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. I	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play,Centers
Bldg. I	Back	GA PreK	4	20	C	72	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. II	Left Side	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	Right Side	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 72		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	Main	77	C
Bldg. I	Three-Year-Old	41	C
Bldg. I	Toddler	13	C
Bldg. I	Two-Year-Old	39	C

Comments
April 25, 2023--The visit was completed on this date. The one-day letter and affidavit were left at the center on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/09/2023

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!

Tianna Tarver, Program Official Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant Date

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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 **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure each classroom had current lesson plans.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that most of the shelves in the second classroom on the left were empty and toys were stored on top of the cubbies and were not accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023
The correction was observed on this date. The blocks were no longer present in the classroom.

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the Safe Sleep form was signed by parents when an infant was enrolled for care.

Facility

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

Comment
Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023
The corrections were observed on this date. There were no items that stated "Keep out of reach of children" observed to be present on this date. There were no teachers backpacks observed to be on the floor and in reach of children on this date. The Consultant reminded staff how to store items appropriately.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023
The corrections were observed on this date. All cabinets were observed to have safety latches present.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was rust present throughout the climber on the three-year-old playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

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 based on observation that there was an active ant bed on the playground at the exit door to the playground from the two-year-old classroom and there was a hole in the concrete on the first concrete circle that measured 3 and a half inches and sharp edges were present. Further, there were multiple long mushrooms observed on the far right side of the playground next to the fence on the toddler playground and an active ant bed on the right side of the playground by the fence of the playground labeled as the three-year-old playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

Food Service

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

Comment
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:
DECAL
http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx
USDA
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

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

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023
The correction was made and staff were informed in an all staff meeting of the requirements for perishable foods to be stored and served.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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 a staff member did not wash their hands after they diapered multiple children and the staff member only put new gloves on before they continued diapering the next child.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment
Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

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) **Met**

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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)(e) requires that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination may be present at a Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #25 was present in the second classroom on the left in direct care of children and the staff member had an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023
There were at least 50 percent of staff observed to have current first aid and CPR on this date. All new staff were within their 90 days and were not required to have the training yet.

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 one staff member did not obtain health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.