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Date: 4/2/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/02/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/09/2023	POI 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	2 Year	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2-3 Years		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant/Toddler	One Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Pre-K		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA	
Main	Preschool II	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 28		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	34	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	3	8	12	7	0	0

Comments
Consultant provided contact information on this date.

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!**

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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 **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that three of the preschool classrooms in use classrooms did not have current lesson plans available and posted on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

Recited on 4/2/2025

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) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

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

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that children files are completed fully for each child in care with work addresses, work phone numbers for both both parents if applicable and list any allergies children may have as required by the department on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

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) **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 observations that hazardous items were observed accessible to children in care on this date:

- Black staff purse located on a shelf in the 1R classroom
- Can of insect repellent sitting on the desk in 2L classroom
-Brooms and dust pan located in the restrooms in 1R, 2L and Preschool 2
-jar of Petroleum jelly and a bottle of children's chest congestion relief observed in a child book bag

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: 4/2/2025

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

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Corrected on 4/2/2025
Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed wooden boards added to the bottom of the fence to close and secure the gap on this date.

Finding
591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on an observation there was one to two inches of resilient surface under the fall zones of the yellow slide, and other areas the ground cover was exposed with the black tarp and more surfacing was required, on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

Recited on 4/2/2025

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 an observation that the following hazards were present on the playground: exposed concrete with rough edges was present by the wooden decking; exposed roots near the rock climbing playscape; exposed black lining under mulch is visible throughout the playground area on this date.

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

Recited on 4/2/2025

Food Service

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

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

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

Comment
Per discussion with the Director the program does not have a kitchen on site. Food is transported via food service company.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure diaper changing pads are smooth and nonporous. Consultant discussed with the Director to discontinue use of the soft changing pads in the 2L and the 1R classrooms and can use the disposable pads and ensuring the pads are changed with each diapered child. Consultant discussed the diaper changing table needs to be disinfected after each use on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observations that the Preschool 2 classroom and the 2L classroom did not have access to warm running water as required on this date. It was also determined that upon arrival children were observed not washing hands as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills as of March 9, 2025 on this date.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

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) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed with the staff that one year old children in care can sleep on a cot with a blanket and not in a crib with any blankets, objects or toys on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Corrected on 4/2/2025
Previous citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Corrected on 4/2/2025
Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed satisfactory comprehensive records for all current staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Corrected on 4/2/2025
Previous citation corrected.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment
Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on a review of records and discussion with the Director that there were no staff files available on site and being kept at the church that is affiliated with the program on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2025

Recited on 4/2/2025

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

Finding
91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that one of the five center staff did not have evidence of completed 10 clock hours of annual training for 2024 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed annual and available for review in the staff files or on the Georgia Professional Development System.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Recited on 4/2/2025

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

Comment
Discussed that all lead staff must have proof of Lead Staff credentials in their employee file on this date.

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm’s length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observations that a staff member from the 1R classroom left ten two year old children un-supervised across the hall talking with another staff member in the 2L preschool classroom on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025