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Date: 3/7/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-39092

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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.
03/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/09/2023	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	A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	5	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	17	C	Outside
Main	E	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering
Main	F		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			56	
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			56	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	33	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Sandra Flowers, Program Official	Date
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Stacy Whitten, Process & QI Unit 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

591-1-1-.03(2) - The consultant discussed with Director to ensure each classroom has an up to date lesson plan for each week.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12 - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure the TV in Classroom C is secured with a strap or heavy velcro to prevent a tipping hazard.

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

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.08(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed children records to be complete

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.08(1)(c) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed children records to be complete

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 the following hazards were accessible to children:

In Classroom A]. plastic bags, diaper ointment , and powder were stored on a low shelf, and one blind cord was hanging , accessible to children,

In Classroom B plastic bags, two tubes of diaper ointment , and baby wipes were stored on a low shelf and one trash bag containing trash was observed to be open on the floor, accessible to children.

In Classroom C plastic bags, a large bottle of hand sanitizer , disintegrate wipes and one staff purse observed on a low shelf.

In Classroom E plastic bags, two diaper bags containing diaper ointment and wipes were stored on the floor. All items were label keep out of reach of children.

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: 3/7/2024

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.25(3) - Consultant observed the fire place in Classroom C has been repainted , consultant discussed with Director to continue to monitor to prevent chipping paint.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the Director to monitor, repair, or replace the wall vent in Classroom C and metal bar in the bathroom of Classroom C where rust is developing.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant discussed with the director to monitor and to ensure the gaps where the fence meets the building is less then three and half inches.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2023

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.15(1) - Corrections of the previous citation, consultant observed the menu met USDA Guidelines.

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.18(5) - The consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all refrigerators and freezers have thermometers and the temperature remains under zero for freezers and under 40 degrees for refrigerators.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.18(8) - Discussed with Director to monitor and ensure all open food is labeled with the date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.07(5) - Discussed with Director that children may not wear pacifier attachments while at the center.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.10(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the diaper pad in Classroom A is not quilted and non porous.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Finding

591-1-1.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in Classroom E stepped away from the changing table while one infant was lying on the table unattended.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.11(2) - Discussed with staff and director ensure timeout is not used for children under the age of three years old.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the sheets are not touching each other when cots are stacked.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation one infant in Classroom E was observed to be sleeping in a crib with bib attached to their neck, a pacifier with an attachment to their clothes and a blanket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/16/2023

Corrected on 3/7/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation is corrected, consultant observed all staff to have satisfactory background checks.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - Adequate supervision observed on this date.discussed with Director to ensure staff member do not step over classroom doorways to maintain supervision.