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Date: 8/16/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:10 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

CCLC-46662

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/16/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/03/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/22/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	3	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	GA PreK	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	GA PreK	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Art
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Art
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					
Total # Children this Date: 105					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C
Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two- Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One- Year-Old	19	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit/ Complaint Investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/16/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Angela Sims, Program Official

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based upon observation that there was a box fan stacked on top of the blocks while running in the LW-1R-Pre-K 1 Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

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

N/A

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.

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

RW-2R-Toddler 2:

- A staff purse was on the counter.

RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2:

- A pack of Members Mark Flushable Wipes, a box of vinyl gloves, a tube of Boudreaux Butt Paste, and a box of Babyganics Natural Insect Repellent Wipes was on sink counter in the bathroom.

LW-1R-Pre-K 1:

- Two toilet brushes were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink used for handwashing in the bathroom.

LW-2R- Pre-K-2:

- Three toilet brushes and one container of MRC floor cleaner were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink used for handwashing in the bathroom.

LW-3R- Pre-K-3:

- Two containers of Great Value Disinfecting Wipes were on the counter.

LW-2L-Early 4:

- A box of vinyl gloves and a pack of Parents Choice Refreshing Cucumber Baby Wipes were in an unlocked drawer by the sink used for handwashing.
- A toilet brush was in the left bathroom.
- A plunger and plastic grocery bag was in the right bathroom.

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: 8/16/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that all fence bolts are cut down to two threads or less

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

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 upon observation that the following equipment hazards were observed on this date:

Right Back two-year-old Playground:

- The red stair rails leading to the large play equipment had chipping paint.
- The red support poles of the swing set had chipping paint.
- The green Step 2 slide was crack in two places at the top.

Preschool-School-Age Playground:

- The red stair rails leading to the large play equipment had chipping paint.
- The wooden sand box in the middle back of the playground had a wooden slat that was protruding.
- The red support poles of the swing set had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2023

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)**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 upon observation that two children did not wash their hands with upon entering the classroom for the day in the RW- 1R - Toddler 1 classroom.

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: 8/16/2023

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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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****Comment**

The Consultant and Director discussed appropriate supervision during transitions.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.03(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed center staff to provide individual attention to children as needed.