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Date: 3/8/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 12:00 PM

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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.
03/08/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/06/2023	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
1	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Floor Play
1	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside,Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
2	D		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
2	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
3	F		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Playground A	30	C
1	Playground B	37	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2024

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!

Angela Haynes, Program Official

Date

Lindsey Ray, Regional Consultant

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Corrected on 3/8/2024

.12(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the stack of boxes had been removed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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****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 observation that in Classroom B a black bucket containing a bleach water solution was sitting on the changing table accessible to the 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: 3/8/2024

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 on playground B (front playground), the third post to the left of the entrance gate had a splintered shard of metal protruding from the post posing a potential hazard to the children in care. On playground A in the far right corner, it was determined based on observation that there was a four inch gap in between the bottom of the fence and the ground exposing sharp pieces of metal and posing a potential entrapment hazard to the children in care.

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: 3/8/2024**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that the large yellow school bus and the red and blue see saw located on playground B was not anchored posing a potential hazard to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024**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 on playground B the fence directly opposite the entrance gate had thorny vines that had grown through the fence posing a potential hazard. On playground A, it was determined based on observation that two active fire ant beds were present inside the fence on the far side of the playground between the tree and the left corner post.

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: 3/8/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Transportation was not evaluated on this date. The director had a medical emergency and staff did not have access to the transportation records on the van at this time. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

	Staff Records
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Corrected on 3/8/2024

.09(1)(a) - This correction was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed complete Records Check Applications.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Corrected on 3/8/2024

.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed valid and current Comprehensive Records Check Determinations.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on review of records that the center had not maintained current evidence of the successful completion of biennial CPR and First Aid training for seven of nine employees or at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver staff as required by the department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2024**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. Please ensure documentation of required orientation is complete.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2024**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. The consultant and the assistant director discussed lead teacher requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A, the second staff member frequently left the classroom leaving a Staff:child ratio of one to nine children under 1 year or under 18 months and not walking. The children from classroom E in building 2 were on playground B, where there was only one staff member present with twelve three year olds, five four year olds, and one five year old not meeting the ratio requirements based on the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent (20%) of the total number of children in the mixed-age group.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.