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Date: 1/8/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:50 AM Departure: 2:50 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.
01/08/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/30/2023	Initial-TA	Good Standing	
09/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Rm (A): Left hall-1L: Infants		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm (B)Tot 1: L hall:2L: 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm (C) Tot 2:Left hall:2R: 2's	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm (D):Left hall: 1R: 3's	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Rm (E): Center: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm (F): Right hall: 1L: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm (G): Right Hall: 2L: Afterschool		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
Main	Rm (H): Right hall: 2R : Preschool 2		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm (I): Right Hall: 1R: 1's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 172							
Total # Children this Date: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 172							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Main	78	C

Comments

Licensing study visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/08/2024

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.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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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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

Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

Correction of citation in that the center staff stated they take children outside daily as required; however, if there were two stray cats that come onto the playground daily and they bring the children inside due to this. Consultant advised the person in charge to contact animal control for cats being on the premises.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the person in charge to order more blocks for Classroom B as some of the blocks were torn and not in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

Correction of citation in that all equipment was properly secured as required on this date.

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****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

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Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following was not in good repair:

Classroom C

* Ceiling tiles throughout the classroom and in the children's bathroom were stained, discolored, cracked and detached from the ceiling.

Classroom D

* Ceiling tiles throughout the classroom were stained, discolored, cracked and detached from the ceiling.

Classroom E

* Ceiling tiles throughout the classroom were stained, discolored, detached from the ceiling and a hole was present.

Classroom F

* There was a broken bracket connected to the wall in the children's bathroom.

* The vent was not properly secured in the children's bathroom

* Ceiling tiles throughout the classroom and in the children's bathroom were stained, discolored and detached from the ceiling.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2024

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 there was a five inch gap along the side of the fence which separates the playground area on the right back side of the building. Additionally, there was also a four and a half inch gap underneath the fence. Rust was also present on the fence chains and at the top of the pole on the fence.

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: 1/18/2024

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 the following playground equipment was observed to be hazardous:

- * Chipped paint was present on the small stationary horses with the springs on the toddler side of the playground.
- * Mildew was present on the small stationary horse with the springs on the toddler side of the playground.
- * Chipped paint was present on the red and blue steering wheel located on the wooden climbing play structures on both playground areas.

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: 1/18/2024

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 observation there was three and a half inches of mulch surrounding the wooden play structure fall zone areas on the main playground instead of six inches which was required.

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: 1/18/2024

Comment

Consultant discussed with the person in charge to ensure the tree limb on the toddler side of the playground is removed. Consultant also discussed placing slip guards on the stairway of the wooden climbing structures to ensure children do not slip while running up the walking area. The playground should 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.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Consultant discussed with the cook that raw carrots were added to the restricted items for children in care.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

Correction of citation in that staff stated proper knowledge of handwashing as required. Children were observed to wash hands throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program was observed to have completed emergency drills as required for 2023.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises. However, there were two stray cats on the playground area. Consultant discussed with the person in charge to ensure animal control is called once the cats reappear.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure each child has sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats that shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on September 5, 2023.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2023 on this date.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the person in charge to complete the four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage by January 22, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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 on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Not Met
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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 observation staff members in Classroom B were not seated within arm's length of one-year-old children as the children were eating lunch as required.

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: 1/8/2024

