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Date: 10/7/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:50 AM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-50264

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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.
10/07/2024	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
10/07/2024	Licensing Study	Support	
09/18/2024	Complaint 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 Building	A-1st Left side	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	29	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	B- 2nd left -2nd right side	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	C-3rd left 1st right	Infants	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	D-Middle Room	Three Year Olds	3	26	C	34	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building	E-Right side 1st left	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	F-Toddlers- Right side 1st right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	G-Pre-K Right Side 2nd Left	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building	H-Two's Right Side- 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main Building	I-Right Side 2nd right	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main Building	J-1st Right Side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 239					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	28	31	41	60	7	7

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct the licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/22/2024

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.al.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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary 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 classroom H and classroom F did not have current lesson plans posted.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that classroom H and classroom F lacked a variety of materials in various centers.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024**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 Room B the cabinet beneath the changing table was unlocked and contained Aquaphor and baby wipes that were accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024**Recited on 10/7/2024****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

Defer

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591-1-1-.26(8)- The center was previously given until December 31, 2024 to complete the repairs.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**Recited on 1/1/0001****Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that on this date the menu displayed in the center did not reflect what was served for lunch.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that food items that were stored outside of their original package were not labeled as to the contents.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. This rule was not evaluated on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Please make sure that all required signs including menus and lesson plans 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****Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024****Corrected on 10/7/2024**

.11(2) - On this day appropriate discipline was observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

A vehicle inspection was completed on June 19, 2024 for the 2004 GMC Savanna 3500, Tag #RQI 06116.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Corrected on 10/7/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - This has been corrected. Staff #33 has completed transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 7

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 24

Not Met

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Met

Not Met

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 23 did not have evidence of Health and Safety orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Corrected on 10/7/2024

.33(6) - This has been corrected to reflect proper documentation of orientation and training.

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that staff #1 and staff #24 do not have the education requirements necessary for a lead teacher.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please be mindful to maintain watchful oversight all children when another child is accessing the outside restroom on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

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 that the staff in classroom B, one and two year old classroom, and classroom C, infants were not at arms length during mealtime. Staff in classroom B were observed to be cleaning up lunch and washing hands instead of being seated with the children still eating. In classroom C one infant was observed sitting in a highchair eating. One staff member was with a group of children doing floor play. The other staff member was involved in various tasks throughout the room not near the infant that was eating.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024