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Date: 3/4/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

CCLC-55261

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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.
03/04/2025	Licensing Study	Support	
09/12/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/10/2024	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	A-1L-Afterschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	11	NC	16	C	Free Play,Circle Time
Main	B-3R-3 and 4 years old		0	0	C	8	C	11	C	
Main	C-2R-12 months to 24 months	One Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-1R-2 year olds		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35					

Total # Children this Date: 21	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35	Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	55	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	6	7	6	8	0	3

Comments

A plan of Improvement will need to be submitted in decal koala by March 18, 2025. The plan will need to include the date of correction, how the correction was made and how the correction will meet rule violations going forward.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/18/2025

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.decal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Requires a center that operates five hours or more per day to provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants.

Please ensure that daily schedules reflect the appropriate outside and kids are getting it weather permitting.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that Room A was licensed for 11 children and 14 children were present.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025**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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

Room B: broom and dust pan in an unlocked closet (covered by a curtain)

Restroom: toilet brush, plunger, Microban, disinfectant wipes under an unlocked sink

Room C: baby wipes, plastic bags and purse under the unlocked diapering station

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Recited on 3/4/2025

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the back wooden door was chipping paint and needs repaired. In addition, the corner next to the step has siding cracked.

The sink in Room D is in need of being cleaned out.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.25(8) - Citation corrected.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the wooden barrier around the swings needs to be flush and bolts secured. In addition, the wood around the large gate opening was chipping wood and was not securing the bottom of the fencing as required as a gap was present.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Food Service and Nutrition Feeding of Infants and Children 591-1-1-.15(2)(g) The Consultant discussed with the Director that center Personnel shall ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

Food Service and Nutrition Restrictions 591-1-1-.15(7) The Consultant discussed with the Director that food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes, and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024****Corrected on 3/4/2025****.15(7) - Citation corrected.****Health and Hygiene**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.17(7) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that the staff member in Room B did not wash hands prior to diapering.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the front portion of Room A needs to be set up in and not used for storage.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025**Policies and Procedures**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the back portion of the fire drill forms needs to be filled out.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2025**Safety**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024****Corrected on 3/4/2025****.36(4)(b) - Citation corrected.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****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: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.09(1)(d) - Citation corrected.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member 1,2 and 6 did not have annual training for the 2024 year.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****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 a review of records that center did not have a qualified lead teacher for Room A, Room B, Room C or Room D.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

Recited on 3/4/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.32(7) - Citation corrected.

Technical Assistance

Supervision 591-1-1-.32(7) The Consultant discussed with the Director that children shall 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.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025