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Date: 10/17/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 7:35 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-50414

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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.
10/17/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	
09/13/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
08/13/2024	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	A1-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A4-3 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	A5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6-4 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	A7-School Age		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B2-1 year olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning
Main	B4-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C
Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
16	14	6	21	4	0	28

Comments

A plan of improvement will need to be submitted by October 31, 2024 through decal koala.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/31/2024

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.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@dec.al.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: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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 on observation that free standing wooden shelves in rooms A2, A3, A5, B2, B3, and B4 needed to be secured so they do not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the the boys restroom in B4 and the bottom of the toilets in A6 need to be cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed to monitor the center to ensure that all electrical outlets had the required covers.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2024

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 A5:

plastic bags in the cubbies

handsoap that read "keep out of reach of children"

Room A6:

plastic bags in the cubbies

broom and dust pan by the sink area

Room B4:

bleach, bleach water, rubber gloves and floor cleaner under an unlocked sink

three boxes of rubber gloves and plastic bags within the restrooms

Room B5:

rubber gloves on a shelf in the classroom

babywipes, and plastic bags hanging from the wall in a clear holder in the restroom within reach of the children

Middle Area:

rubber gloves

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the ceiling tiles in the restrooms of B3 and B5 were in need of being replaced. The toilet bolt on the bottom of the toilet in room A 5 was in need of being cut flush.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the fencing on the right side back is chipping paint and in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that two one-year-old children, one eating a banana and one drinking ,milk were being takeb from one room to the other while eating and not provided thee required feeding chairs and tables and needed.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed foods the pose choking hazards with the director such as meat balls, and blueberries should not be served to children under three.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed food items not in the original containers should be labeled as to their content.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the pacifier clips should not used .

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that in Room B3 a diapering was being changed and the ventlization fan was not being used.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

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 on observation that in Room A1 a one-year-old child entered for the day and was not required to wash hands. It was further determined in Room A3 a child was cleaning their nose with staff assistance and their hands were not washed after.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

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 in Room A3 a staff member cleaned a child's nose and then checked a child's diaper and did not wash hands after.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Records Reviewed: 25**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that Room A4 has a diapering station and lesson plans for two-year-old children. The room is listed as a non-diapering room and an amendment to change the room to a diapering room will need to be submitted by October 24, 2024 if the center plans to house two-year-old children and younger in the room.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Safety

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 10/17/2024

.36(10) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the seat behind the driver on bus ended in 007 is in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 10/17/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 10/17/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - Citation observed to be corrected. Transposition observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 10/17/2024

.36(7)(d)2. - Citation observed to be corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and ensuring that children are placed in age-appropriate sleeping equipment when falling asleep.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

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 staff member #25 did not have health and orientation completed within 90 days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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 Room B3 had 11 two-year-old children present when a ratio of 1:10 needed to be maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that Room A1 had a ratio of one staff member to seven children when a ratio of 1:6 needed to be maintained. The class five infants present and two one-year-olds.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met****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 in Room A3 two-year-old children were observed to be eating breakfast and the staff member was serving the children breakfast and not seated within arms length.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024

Recited on 10/17/2024