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Date: 11/28/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	K-cafeteria		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room 10		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room 3	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	Room 4	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	20	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Snack,Clean Up
Main	Room 5		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 6	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 7	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room 8A-Right End	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room 8B-Left End	Infants	2	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room 9	Four Year Olds	1	2	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room M -Pre-K		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 62		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playgrd-cement	49	C
Main	Plygrd-3s/4s	36	C
Main	Plygrd-sch age	100	C
Main	Plygrd-toddler	34	C

Comments
The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/28/2023

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:

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Jennifer Tindall, Program Official Date

Jerica Davis, Regional Consultant 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment
A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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 **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023
.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that 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. Please ensure that the water hose is stored inaccessible to children to prevent a trip hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

Food Service

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

Comment
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:
DECAL
http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx
USDA
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that Center Staff do not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. Please ensure necklaces are not worn in the center.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment
Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment
Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that wearable blankets, for example infant sleep sacks that zip or snap up the front and consist of a vest at the top that fits the infant so that it cannot rise, are permissible and do not require tucking. However, weighted and microfleece wearable blankets and sleepsuits are not permissible due to lack of safety evidence and overheating risks.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided five files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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) **Met**

Comment
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.