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Date: 1/4/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/17/2022	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	1L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	32	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L	Infants	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 61		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	25	C
Main	Playground B	46	C
Main	Playground C	122	C

Comments
The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on any previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/04/2024

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)

QUALITY™ RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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!

Robin Geary, Program Official Date

Tracey Caine, Special Investigations Unit Specialist 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) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the provider that one of six child records checked did not have the required parent's work number and doctor's information. The provider will ensure that all required documentation is completed for all children files.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Facility

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 the following hazards were observed:
-Classroom 1L contained hand soap which the manufacturer stated "keep out of the reach of children";
-Classroom 3L contained hand soap which the manufacturer stated "keep out of the reach of children", a plastic bag with a toilet plunger inserted within the children's bathroom, and a gray plastic bag hanging within the cubby of one child;
-Classroom 4L contained hand soap which the manufacturer stated "keep out of the reach of children", and wet wipes a plastic container on the shelf near the sink;
-Classroom 1R contained hand soap which the manufacturer stated "keep out of the reach of children"; hand sanitizer which the manufacturer stated "keep out of the reach of children";
-Classroom 2R contained wet wipes in a plastic container on the shelf to the left at the entrance of the classroom.
All of the aforementioned hazards were accessible to the children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

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 that the following hazard was located on the playground:
-Playground A (left side) contained exposed chain links at the bottom of the fence which faces the front of the center.

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: 1/4/2024

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 that the brown wooden climbing equipment had three exposed nails that measured at one centimeter and chipped paint on Playground B. The exposed portion of the nails were not sharp; top portion was exposed.

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: 1/14/2024

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 that the resilient surface on Playground A and Playground B was inadequate as follows:
-Resilient surface underneath the two yellow slides on Playground A measured at two inches when the requirement is six inches;
-Resilient surface underneath the yellow slide on Playground B measured at one inch when the requirement is six inches.

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: 1/14/2024

Finding
591-1-1-.26(9) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:
-Playground B (rear and right side of the center) contained tree branches growing through the fence, ivy running all along the bottom of the fence, three detached metal poles of the fence on the left side, and exposed tree roots that are a potential tripping hazard.
All aforementioned hazards were accessible to children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(4) - The provider discussed with the provider to change out the cracked diaper changing surface located in Classroom 1L. The provider had a new changing surface on site, but had not removed the cracked one at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.17(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the garbage cans throughout the center have tight-fitting covers/lids.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that seven of twelve (12) crib sheets were not tight fitting. There were no infants in the cribs that contained sheets that were not tight-fitting as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 -The consultant discussed with the provider to replace several mats with cracked corners located in Classroom 2L, Classroom 1R, and Classroom 2R. The provider had new mats on site, but had not removed the cracked ones that were not in good repair. The provider advised that the cracked mats would be replaced on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. - The consultant discussed with the provider that the owner/director must have a current Comprehensive Records Check on file to be on the premises of the center while children are present. The current owner/director was not on site at the time of the visit and was last at the center the first week of December to retrieve paperwork.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

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 review of records that Staff # 4 (date of hire July 18, 2023), did not complete Health and Safety Orientation Training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2024

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.