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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/14/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:25 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/19/2021	Initial Licensing Study	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 (2R) - 3- 4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B (1R) - 3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C- (3R) GA-Pre-K	PreK	3	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-(4L) 3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-(3L) 3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-(2L) 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G-(1L) 1yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A -3-4 yrs	147	C
Main	Playground B- 6wks-2yrs	33	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on October 14, 2022 with the Director Ifetayo Simon. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/14/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Ifetayo Simon, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, 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.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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 F

- Broom and dust pan were observed across from the restroom accessible to children.

Classroom G

- Broom and dust pan were observed next to the sink accessible to children.
- Hanging radio cord next to the mirror.

Classroom B

- Hand sanitizer was observed on top of the writing table.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Room B

- Damaged ceiling tile above the blue love seat.

Room C

- Damaged ceiling tile above Art area.
- Damaged ceiling tiles above manipulative area.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

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

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 vines were growing through the fence throughout playground A.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

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)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the cots in classroom B were not covered and accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/18/2021

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/02/2020

Staff # 3	Met
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Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/02/2020

Staff # 5	Met
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Staff # 6	Met
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Staff # 7	Met
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Staff # 8	Met
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Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2020	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** Met**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.