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Date: 1/15/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
07/16/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 Bldg	1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Centers
Main Bldg	1R	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Diapering
Main Bldg	2LF	GA PreK	1	18	C	19	C	27	C	Centers
Main Bldg	2R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main Bldg	3LF	GA PreK	1	18	C	19	C	27	C	Centers,Circle Time
Main Bldg	3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Bldg	4LF	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	19	C	29	C	NA	NA	Story,Centers,Feeding
Main Bldg	4R	Three Year Olds	2	24	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 190					
Modular Unit	Modular Unit	GA PreK	1	1	C	20	C	NA	NA	Homework
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 190					
Total # Children this Date: 120		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 190					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	**1 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**4 years**	**5 years (Prekonly)**	**5 years and older**
6	25	21	28	38	17	34

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminder:

Discussed vendor change for criminal records check. Consultant emailed notice via email.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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!**

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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
Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Per director the center not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1)(b)
 - Consultant discussed with staff to ensure to establish a routine for periodically checking and updating all children’s record information (e.g., at the beginning of each school year, at the start of the new calendar year, etc.). To ensure that the center has up-to-date information in children’s records (i.e., parental authorization, phone numbers, etc.) at all times.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Consultant observed restrooms 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) — Not Met

Comment
Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., bleach,diaper wipes, teacher bag, and/or purses etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Finding
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 the following items were not clean or in good repair:
-Classroom 2R- There first outlet in front left rear of the classroom adjacent to the first window was not secured into the wall.
- Classroom 3R - The back ceiling tile in the first and second restroom above the toilet was not secured in the ceiling.
- Classroom 4LF - Two floor tiles were chipped in front of the toilets in the first and second restrooms.
Classroom 4R- The bottom of the wall beside the children handwashing sink located in the front front left rear of the classroom was actively chipping.

Building 2
Modular Unit- The ceiling tile around the exhaust in the restroom were cracking and stained

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Per director the center will make repairs.Consultant discussed ensure to regularly Inspect indoor and outdoor areas daily for cleanliness and/or repair issues. Use a checklist when conducting the inspection to ensure areas are not overlooked.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) — Not Met

Comment
Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, buckles on swinging equipment,etc.).

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 that the left front wooden beam was crack with exposed edges.

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. Consultant emailed a playground checklist during visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2025

Food Service

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

Comment
Consultant observed bottles covered and fully labeled with child's full name and date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — Met

Comment
Consultant discussed with staff to ensure to label food that has been removed from original packaging, ensure to label food with the name of the food content and date.

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment
Per director center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment
Per director center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Consultant observed a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment
Per director center does not participate in field trips at this time. Center only participates in field trip during the Summer.

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

Comment
Consultant discussed with director to ensure to routinely check parental authorizations to ensure the center has written parental permission for each transported child and to ensure authorizations are up to date.

Comment
The consultant observed the following vehicles to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:
- Vehicle tag # CGL6030 -Inspection conducted on July 20, 2024
- Vehicle tag # TBG2745- Inspection conducted July 20, 2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Consultant observed infant sleeping position on this date.

Comment
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Consultant discussed with director to ensure crib mattresses are in good repair, ensure to check for cracks or exposed foam.replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not submit a portability request for the most recently issued determination letter for staff member # 7, date of hire January 15, 2025, Staff member # 7 was observed to have a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter file dated for January 13, 2025, staff was observed in the modular unit providing speech services to one child. Director ported staff during visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit conducted on July 16, 2024. Consultant observed seven of seven new hires to have a satisfactory criminal record check electronically on this date.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Director stated that center has an upcoming First-Aid/CPR class in March.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Corrected on 1/15/2025
.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant review 15 staff records for annual training. Training was observed completed on this date.

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

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.