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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.
03/21/2024	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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-Older Two's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1R-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2L-Younger Two's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2R- 3 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3L-Back left- Older Ones	One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Back right Corner- Infants	Infants	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Back- 3 and 4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 69					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Concrete	9	C
Main	Large	41	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 20, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on March 21, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on March 21, 2024 at 4:30 pm with the Provider. A temporary license was issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. License Capacity is 97.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Harriet Harris, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(6) requires Center Staff to ensure children less than three years of age do not spend more than one-half hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake. It was determined based on observation that two children were in there cribs while awake.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to use confining equipment appropriately, to provide supervised floor play daily for children under three years of age, including infants, and will monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Technical Assistance

The consultant reminded the provider that they are required to provide outdoor activities daily, weather permitting for all children including infants.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024

Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider that the center is required to provide individual attention to each child by responding promptly to the child's distress signals and need for comfort during nap time as well.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that a staff member was on the floor in the Owl's classroom rough playing, horse playing and allowing the children to jump on staff. There were two kids seen crying in the group.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review requirements with Staff to ensure that appropriate activities are conducted with children.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that some shelves in each classroom had chipped paint and wood chipped. The changing tables in the tadpoles, turtles, caterpillar and tadpoles classrooms had chipped paint and three out of four changing tables were missing straps. Also the chairs and tables in the Owl's classroom had rust on the bottom of the chairs and tables.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider that each classroom should have appropriately sized chairs or benches for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2024

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

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 97 children.

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 fence on the playground was loose with rusted post all around the top and bottom of the fence. The fence surrounding the playground had spacing from the bottom in excess of 3 inches causing an entrapment hazard. Also the fence used to separate the construction area from the playground also had spacing at the bottom in excess of three inches and a gap where the air conditioning unit is housed was in excess of three inches both causing an entrapment hazard. Furthermore the storage area in the turtle room had a large square hole cut out and accessible to children, there was also a storage area in the tadpoles bathroom that was unlocked and contained Mr. Clean professional cleaner and brooms.

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: 5/27/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that the playground fence had pointed limbs and thorny vines coming through the fence causing a puncture hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider that the playground should have shaded areas and that a defined shaded area should be added to the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2024

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 concrete block at the bottom of the stairs was exposed as well as the concrete blocks placed around the fence. Furthermore there was a large nail along the side of the fence on the left hand side close to the building that was accessible to the children. On the left side of the playground near the play structure was a large piece of plastic balled up in the corner on the playground.

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: 4/26/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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 neither the tadpoles, turtles or caterpillar class rooms had ventilation. Although there was window space the windows were not open during diaper changing in the tadpoles or caterpillar's rooms..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that diaper changing surface in the infant room had tears and a red spot on it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

The consultant discussed with the appropriate disposal of children's soiled items. The consultant discussed a clear container with a liner ,and ziploc bags to dispose of children soiled items.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Ten (10) of ten (10) cribs were observed meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2000 and 2022. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the provider during the inspection visit.

Technical Assistance

The consultant advised the provider they are required to ensure that each crib had only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant for each crib.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that the cribs in the chicks classroom did not have the 12" required between each crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Twenty (20) of twenty (20) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that the two year olds entered the three year old classroom to go to the playground. Also the infants traveled through the three year old classroom to enter into their classroom and the three year olds in the busybee class had to enter through the infant room to go into their classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Comment

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