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Date: 6/18/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/08/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
12/22/2023	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	A Left		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	B Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	15	C	21	C	Centers
Main	C Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	23	C	31	C	44	C	Transitioning
Main	Gym	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	9	195	C	452	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		
Total # Children this Date: 233		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150			Building @25 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Outside	57	C

Comments
An on-site inspection was conducted on June 18, 2024 with the Director Shalika Johnson. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/18/2024

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!

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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-.03 Activities **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center must keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director removing brown chair in classroom A left and removing the purple chair from classroom B Middle. The Consultant discussed with the Director removing the broken wooden red car from classroom C Right.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director unstacking the chairs in classroom C right. The Consultant discussed that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
Child # 4	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director adding the the child's primary source of health care contact information to the children's file.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Facility

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

Comment
Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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 secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Finding
591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that fans were accessible to children in care in all the classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

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:

Gym
- A ladder in the karate area of the gym.
- Hanging cords in the Karate area of the gym.
- Plastic bags throughout.

Hallway to kitchen
- An extension cord leading from the kitchen to the hallway area.

B Middle
- Hanging cords from the television.

C Right
- Plastic grocery bags throughout classroom.
- Hand Sanitizer and teacher bags near the brown table.
- Plastic bag with diapers.
- Disinfectant Wipes and first aid kit on the left side of the cots.

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: 6/19/2024

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 that the following hazards were observed:

- A missing ceiling tile between the restrooms in the gym.
- A disconnected door in the boys restroom in the gym.
- A disconnected toilet door in the boys restroom in the gym.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the second gate on the right side of the playground had a gap that measured at three and a half inches. The Consultant discussed with the Director adding a pool noodle to add to the gap space.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

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 fence on the left side and back measured at three feet eight inches, when four feet was required.

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: 7/2/2024

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 following hazards were observed on the playground:

- Torn table cloth on the wooden tables.
- Torn cloth ladder around the bridge.
- A green piece of a broken toy equipment accessible to children in care.

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: 7/2/2024

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 at the green slide on the left side measured at two inches, when six inches was required. It was further determined based on observation that the resilient surface at the climbing ladder on the left side measured at three inches, when six inches was required. It was also determined based on observation that the resilient surface at the green slide on the right side measured at one inch, when six inches was required.

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: 7/2/2024

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 observed that the following hazards were observed:

- Wooden blocks were observed protruding from the ground under the slide on the left side and the first set of swings on the left side.
- Black weed barrier from under the mulch was protruding throughout the playground.
- Discarded chain near the back fence.
- Vegetation growing through the back fence.

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: 7/2/2024

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

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(5) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods must be at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.29(1) - Citation corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Director that within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day, the Director or designated person-in-charge shall report or cause to be reported any suspected incidents of child abuse, neglect or deprivation to the local County Division of Family and Children Services in accordance with state law and to the Department, notifying that such a report was made.

Safety

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

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.11(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat.

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

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Comment
Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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
591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director 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.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.09(1)(a) - Citation corrected. Criminal records checks observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.09(1)(c) - Citation corrected. Criminal records checks observed complete.

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 a review of records that staff #25 did not have the most recently issued determination letter ported electronically prior to being present at the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will check to 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 check to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Technical Assistance**

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.14(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that Online-only CPR training and adult-only training does not meet the rule requirement. “Blended” training (online study plus hands-on skill practice and assessment) is acceptable.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records | **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.24(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director updating staff # 14 10 year employment history.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training | **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #16 and staff # 20 were missing the four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as of this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.33(5) - Citation corrected. Annual training observed complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024
.31(13) - Citation corrected. Staff member no longer employed at the center.

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.