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**Date:** 5/24/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-53322**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 05/24/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 08/05/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 03/08/2021 | Monitoring Visit | 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 | D : 5R: PreK | GA PreK | 2 | 1 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | K: 1L : Pre-K | GA PreK | 2 | 1 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 2 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | A - Infants & toddlers | 44 | C |
| Main | B - Two years old | 86 | C |
| Main | C - Four - 12 years old | 123 | C |
| Main | D - Four - 12 years old | 72 | C |
| Main | E - Three years old | 74 | C |

**Comments**
A licensing study was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/24/2022

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.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.

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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.

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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!**

Stormy Hendricks, Program Official Date

Brandi Mangino, 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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
Please ensure that the wooden shelf in the 4L room is secured.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**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 # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

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

**Technical Assistance**
Please ensure that all areas of the enrollment applcation is filled out.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

## 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**

**Technical Assistance**
Please ensure that all hazards are inaccessible to children in the Afterschool room a plunger was in the girls restroom and a broom and dust pan within the room.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022**

**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 items were in need of repair:

-The "O" rings behind the toilets throughout the center were rusted
-The top of the toilet bowl in the 6R Classroom was cracked
- Toilet bolts in 3L and 2L Classrooms need to be cut to flush

**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: 5/24/2022**

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

**Comment**
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**
Consultant discussed the 2nd Right Playground stright slide has a crack and is in need of repair

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

## Food Service

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
Consultant discussed menu requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**Technical Assistance**
Consultant discussed to update infant feeding plans as needed and to ensure all are signed and dated by the parents.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.18(7) requires each Center to have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined kitchen cabinets needed to be cleaned due to spilled items on the shelves.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will designate an area for the storage of these items, will thoroughly clean the space, if needed, develop and implement a plan to train Staff, as needed, and inspect the storage area daily.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined fruit items that were not in the original containers were not labeled.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children in the 4L and 5L classrooms were not required to wash hands upon entering the classrooms.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

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

**Comment**
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Policies and Procedures

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

## Safety

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**
Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Not Met**

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

**Finding**
591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records the following information was missing:
-four of 47 were missing a name and/or phone number for the emergency contact
-nine of 47 were missing the doctor's name and/or phone number
-eight of 47 were missing if the child had any special conditions
-19 of 47 were missing the medical facility the center uses and/or the address
-seven of 47 were missing if the child had any allergies

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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.

## Staff Records

**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**
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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm’s length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old in the 1L classroom was eating at the table while one staff member walked around the classroom and the other staff member was in the circle time area. No staff were seated within an arm’s length from the one-year-old during meal time.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**