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Date: 5/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/20/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
12/07/2023	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	1L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	1R	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Back Middle		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back of second building		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	
Main	Middle Cafeteria		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 198					
Second	Main room	GA PreK	2	16	NC	37	C	52	C	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 198					
Total # Children this Date: 54		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 198					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1st Left	26	C
Main	2nd Left	18	C
Main	3rd Left	21	C
Main	Back Middle	22	C
Main	Back Right	30	C

Main	Middle	4	C
Main	Rear	12	C

Comments
The purpose of today’s visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/16/2024

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)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free technical 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) **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, the following items need to be repaired or removed:
1L- The classroom sink counter was observed to have a large area missing, exposing sharp areas.
2L- The child sized blue couch was observed to have worn areas, exposing fabric, the yellow/white table was observed to have chipped and or missing pieces and the floor was observed to have glue-like residue, causing a tripping hazard.
2R- The classroom sink counter was observed to have a large area missing, exposing sharp areas.
2nd Building Classroom- The bottom of the cubbies located in this classroom were observed to be worn and chipped.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are repaired and or replaced.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
The center is currently not providing swimming activities at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Before summer use, please ensure swim area is clean and free of all hazards.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Met**

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

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, the fence was observed to be in need of repair in the following areas:
- The gate between the 1st and 2nd building was observed to be detached from the pole and a large gap was observed at the top.
- The gate on the inner barrier fence was observed to be detached from the pole between the 3rd Left and back middle playgrounds.

- The wooden fence on the back center playground was observed to be in need of repair.
- Multiple wooden boards were observed to be missing on the left side of the middle playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will either fix all fence areas or ensure that the areas are blocked off and not accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

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, less than 1 inch of resilient surface was beneath all fall zones throughout the playground on this date.

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: 5/30/2024

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, the following areas were observed to be in need of repair.

1st Right Playground- 1 of 4 tires were observed to be dry rotted on the yellow car and 2 play cars were observed to have broken wheels and multiple broken toys were observed.
Exposed tree roots were observed throughout the outside playground and multiple swings were observed to be worn and cracked.
A red rubber mat was observed on the back center playground, causing a potential tripping hazard.

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: 5/30/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment
The kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10 - Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.17 - Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment
Proper hand washing was observed throughout the center.

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

Comment
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
The program was observed to complete emergency drills on this date.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection was observed.

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

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Staff stated proper SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

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

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

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.33(3) - Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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 review of staff records, the cook and the director did not have evidence of food/nutrition training.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

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

Comment
Staff were observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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 was observed on this date.