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Date: 12/2/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 4:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/11/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Gym	Gym-school age		0	0	C	109	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Room 9		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Main	A-PreK	GA PreK	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	B-Threes	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play,Outside
Main	C-Older Ones	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Music,Free Play
Main	D-Transition Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Art ,Free Play,Outside
Main	E-Twos	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-Ones		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Gym	School Age Playground (right)	90	C
Main	Childcare Playground (Left)	59	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	11	8	15	13	6	55

Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date.

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.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 user id 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!



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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

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. Please ensure that the blue sofa in the Main B-Threes, Three Year Olds classroom with a half inch tear is made safe for the children's use.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

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

N/A

Comment

The directors stated the Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

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 in Main B-Threes, Three Year Olds classroom, that there were puzzle pieces stored in a plastic grocery bag on a shelf accessible to children and there was an unlocked cabinet with plastic ziptop bags and a plastic grocery bag accessible to children. Additionally, a broom and two mops were on the floor in a corner accessible to children.

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: 12/2/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.25(4) - Ensure the Center maintains the temperature to be in the range of 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. On this date, the classrooms were each between sixty-five (65) and sixty-six (66) degrees Fahrenheit.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A****Comment**

The Director stated the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Center did not have documentation of conducting drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2024

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A****Comment**

The Director stated the Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher on the vehicle needed to be charged and was not maintained in working order.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Technical Assistance

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. Please ensure that the emergency medical records that were on file for each child being transported are maintained on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024

Corrected on 12/2/2024

.09(1)(j) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records the director and all employees had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #8, #10, #14, #15, #16, and #17 did not obtain current certification in first aid and CPR within 90 days of their hire date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2, with a hire date of August 19, 2024, did not complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on observation that three three-year-olds were in Room D Transition Room with two two-year-olds and did not have an agreement from the older childrens' parents for their continued placement.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.