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Date: 12/14/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
10/24/2022	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/24/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Nap
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C: 3R: two's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4R : three's	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	22	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I: 4L: three's	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	NC	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K: 2L: one's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 145		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C

Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/14/2022

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.

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Kim Barger, Program Official Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to 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. It was determined based on observation that Classrooms 3L, 4L and 2R did not have lesson plans for the current week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

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 that the blue couches in Classrooms 5L and 6R and the blue chairs in 6R and 6L are showing exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

Facility

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 the following hazards were accessible to children.

2nd Left Classroom- Rubber gloves and baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" were located in the bottom of the unlocked diapering station.
3rd Right- Rubber gloves that read "suffocation hazard" were located on the diapering station.
2nd Right- Rubber gloves that read "suffocation hazard" were located on a shelf and a vacuum cleaner was left near the sink.
4th Left- Rubber gloves that read "suffocation hazard"were located on a shelf.

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: 12/14/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

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

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 present on the middle left playground:
yellow race car was missing a streering wheel
red metal house was rusted and the wooden seat was observed to be chipping wood

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: 12/21/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

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 following items were observed on center playgrounds and accessible to children.

Back Playground- Pine cones, trash (in that cups and loose items such as wrappers and tissues) were observed on the grounds.
Left Playground- Concrete sidewalks were not flush.
Right Playground- Concrete sidewalks had an approximately six inch gap in areas that posed a 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: 12/21/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

Food Service

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

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 based on observation that food was stored in rubber containers within the refrigerator, and cookies and cereal were outside the ordinal containers and not labeled as to their contents.

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: 12/16/2022

Recited on 12/14/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022
.17(7) - Citation corrected.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022
.16(f) - Citation corrected.

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**

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022
.14(2) - Citation corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Finding
591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based observation that Classroom 2R had one staff member to 14 two-year-old children. A ratio of one staff member to 10 two-year-old children should have been maintained.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022
.32(4)(b) - Citation corrected.