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Date: 10/3/2023 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:55 PM

CCLC-50207

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
10/03/2023	MV POI Follow Up	Deficient	
02/16/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
04/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Feeding
Main	B-Infant	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	4	21	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Lunch, Diapering
Main	Room 2 (D)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Outside
Main	Room 4(F)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	NC	15	C	22	C	Diapering, Lunch, Outside, Transitioning
Main	Room 5(G)	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	26	C	Diapering, Outside, Lunch
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	26	C	Outside, Diapering, Lunch
Main	Room 7(I)	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 113					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145			
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant- Right Front	11	C
Main	PG A- Left Playground	62	C
Main	PG B- Center Playground	26	C
Main	PG C- Right Playground	36	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. This visit was also conducted as part of the Quality Assurance Initiative.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/18/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Latisha Story, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.12(4) - Please ensure that chairs are not stacked when children are present.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2023

Corrected on 10/3/2023

.06(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultants observed the exhaust fans to be working on this date.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based upon observation that Classroom 1(C) housed 21 children when it was licensed for 17. It was further determined that during lunch children had been moved into Classroom 5 (G) causing it to house 19 children when it was licensed for 18.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

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, that the following potential hazards were observed on this date:

- Room 3(E) – A pack of Huggies Natural Care baby wipes, a pack of Kirkland's baby wipes, a pack of Up and Up baby wipes, and a pack of Parent's Choice Shea butter baby wipes were in children's cubbies.
 - Room 4(F) – A pack of AmerCare baby wipes was on the cubbies.
 - Room 5(G) – A vinyl glove was in a child's cubby.
 - Room 7(I) – A toilet brush was in the girl's bathroom. A green plastic bin containing a unknown liquid substance measuring approximately less than one inch was on the floor under the art easel. Several power cords and the power strip were on a low shelf.
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Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

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 observed to be not in good repair on this date:

- Room 4(F) – The exterior door leading to the playground was not sealed at the top of the door.
 - Room 7(I)- The light cover in the girls bathroom was not secured to the ceiling. There was a protruding bolt between the two sink handles in the boys bathroom.
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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

The Consultants and Director discussed preparing the Right Front playground for infants to use daily.

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 upon observation that the fencing had the following hazards:

Right Playground:

- The gate between the Center Playground and Right Playground had a gap that measured four and one half inches from the ground to the fence causing a potential entrapment hazard.
- The concrete base was loose at the second pole between the Center Playground and Right Playground.
- The fencing surrounding the HVAC unit measured three feet five inches when four feet was required

Center Playground:

- The fencing between the Center Playground and Right Playground was not connected at the bottom at the second and third panels past the center gate.
 - The fencing surrounding the HVAC unit measured three feet three inches when four feet was required.
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Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

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 upon observation that the following equipment hazards were accessible on this date:

Right Playground:

-The gazebo was not secured on this date.The Consultant was able to shake the gazebo when pushing against the gazebo.

Center Playground:

-The benches around the gazebo had broken wood at the front right corner.

Left Playground:

- The wooden poles on the gazebo were deteriorating.
- The yellow coating was peeling at the entrance of the large play equipment in the back center of the playground.
- The left side wall of the first platform was not secured to the large play equipment in the back center of the playground.
- The red barrel of the black train was cracked on the right side.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground on this date:

Right Playground:

- A bottle of Babyganics natural insect repellent was on a beam on the gazebo accessible to children.
- Two packs of AmerCare baby wipes were on a beam on the gazebo accessible to children.
- A tree root located under the gazebo caused a potential tripping hazard.
- Several seed pods from two mimosa trees were on the ground throughout.

Center Playground:

-Trash was located towards the back of the playground.

Left Playground:

- The concrete was not flush at the front of the bicycle track and measured four and one half inches causing a potential tripping hazard.
- There were several cracks along the back middle of the bicycle track.
- There was a large tree root with a protruding sharp edge on the right side of the black and red train equipment.
- There were wasps present near the black and red train equipment.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Please ensure that all children are offered all components of USDA requirements.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based upon observation that the diaper changing pad in Room 1(C) and Room B - Infant were observed to have a tear, which prevented the diaper changing pads from being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023

Recited on 10/3/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(2) - Please ensure that staff use tissues to clean child's faces properly.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Please ensure that Staff do not turn off hot water to allow children access to warm running water to wash hands properly.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 10/3/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 10/3/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed 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-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(13) prohibits Center Staff from committing any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center and requires Center staff to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based upon observation that the vehicle used for transportation (tag 33427) had a tag that expired August 30, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 10/3/2023

.31(2)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of lead caregiver credentials.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based upon observation that Room 4(F) had a Staff:Child Ratio of 1:14 when a Staff:Child Ratio of 2:14 was required. Room 4(F) housed three two-year-old children, ten three-year-old children, and one four-year-old child.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based upon observation that Room 4(F) housed three two-year-old children with ten three-year-old children and one four-year-old child on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

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 upon observation that staff in Room 4(F), Room 5(G), and Room 6 (H) were not seated within an arm's length away from children during lunch time.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023