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Date: 9/3/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:40 PM **Departure:** 4:50 PM

CCLC-52724

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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.
09/03/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/06/2023	Complaint Closure	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	4th R-G	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Supper
Main	1st L- A	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap,Transitioning
Main	1st R- B	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	2nd L- D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd R-C	One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd L-E	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th R-F	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Supper
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 68		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A All ages	36	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	17	13	11	21	0	50

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on September 3, 2024. Backgrounds checks were reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the visit report was emailed to the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/03/2024

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.dec.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 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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.12(4) - Previous citation corrected in that based on observation no chairs were observed stacked on the right side of classroom of 1st L-A.

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: 2

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of records the address of the release to person(s) was missing for child #3 and #4.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

	Facility
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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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Discussed repairing the door handle on entrance door and placing a barrier surrounding the hot waters tanks.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that all parts of the center were in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(6) requires each child's personal items to be kept in individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks separated from articles used by other children. The spaces shall be accessible to the children to whom they are assigned. It was determined based on observation school age children did not have individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide each child with individually labeled and accessible storage.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - 591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - 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

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

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 that black liner material was exposed underneath the shady structure and there was a large uneven area on the left side near the fence, creating a possible 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: 9/4/2024

Recited on 9/3/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected in that no infants were present on the day of the visit.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(6) requires garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition. It was determined based on observation the garbage can in the 2nd R-C and 3 L-E classrooms did not have a tight-fitting covers. In addition, there was container in the bathroom that did not have a tight-fitting lid with several soiled diapers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide the required containers and implement a plan to ensure that trash and garbage are taken out daily, or more often, if needed.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.17(8) - Previous citation corrected in that a staff member was observed to wash their hands after completing a diaper change.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director. Please ensure that all seat belts are in working order.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that based on review each person responsible for transportation had evidence of (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - 591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2024

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 review five of eleven (11) emergency medical forms lacked the the name and telephone of of the child's doctor.

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: 9/4/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - Previous citation corrected in that based on review of records the first check signature was on the checklists reviewed for the week of August 19 through August 30, 2024.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records the transportation checklist the signature of the second person:

Week of August 19, 2024 though August 26, 2024:

AM- Peace Academy

PM Load- Peace, Kelly Lake, Toney and Cedar Grove Elementary schools.

Week of August 26, 2024 through August 30, 2024:

- AM Load - Peace Academy.

- PM Load- Kelly Lake, Cedar Grove, Columbia, McNair, Toney Elementary and McNair Middle School.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation four children were napping on cots with out a bottom sheet in the 1st L- A classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - 591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that based on review all current staff members had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation observed to be corrected based on review of records in that all current staff members had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please replace/add missing items in the vehicle first first aid kit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

.33(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the person with primary responsibility for food preparation had the four clock hours of training in food nutrition training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 9/3/2024

**.32(2) - Previous citation corrected in that base on observation Staff:child ratios were met on this date.
No mixing of ages were observed.**

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.