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Date: 3/19/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-38386

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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.
03/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/15/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
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	Ants D-Infant-Tod	One Year Olds	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play,Lunch
Main	Bees C-Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art,Lunch,Floor Play
Main	Doves B-1-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time,Free Play
Main	Eagles F-3-12 yrs		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
Main	Giraffes G-3-12 yrs	Four Year Olds	3	16	C	24	C	33	C	Free Play,Centers
Main	Lions A-1-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch,Musi c
Main	Tadpoles H-infant	Infants and One Year Olds	4	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	Whales E-3-12 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	13	C	19	C	27	C	Centers,Lunch,F ree Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156					
Total # Children this Date: 75					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	40	C

Main	B	16	C
Main	C	11	C
Main	Playground D	31	C
Main	Playground E	7	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	17	24	23	20	9	43

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study. Provider stated that they do not offer medication and swimming.

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.decgal.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!



(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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All child files are complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 a staff bag located in classroom E was left within reach of children and contained potentially hazardous items such as a bottle of Ibuprofen and liquid body spray.

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: 3/19/2025

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(1) - Please ensure that all meals and snacks meet current USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(7) - Please ensure that all foods served at meal times do not present potential choking hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. All children being transported had current emergency medical information in each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Current transportation logs were complete with unload times for all passengers when they returned to the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All current transportation logs showed complete documentation for second checks of each bus upon unloading at the center.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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: 9/2/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.14(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All newly hired staff have completed First Aid and CPR training within the required 90 day period.

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)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.