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Date: 5/15/2024 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
05/15/2024	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing
03/21/2024	Initial Licensing Study	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	1L-Older Two's	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1R-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	2L-Younger Two's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2R- 3 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3L-Back left- Older Ones	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	NC	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Back right Corner- Infants	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Middle Back- 3 and 4 year olds	Infants	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Middle-Ones	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 78			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Concrete	9	C
Main	Large	41	C

Comments

Consultant conducted a follow up visit on today. The visit was due on 7/24/2024 but the Provider requested a visit for today. The center has moved classrooms and the information in the ratio capacity for each classroom is not correct. An Amendment will be completed and the report will be updated.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 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 ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024

The citation was corrected as of this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024

Citation was corrected as of this visit.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024

The citation was corrected as of this visit.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

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The consultant advised the Provider to close the half door to the bathroom from each class and check ventilation in the bathroom so that odors are not in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and wash able or clean able. It was determined based on observation that the rug in the Owl classroom was torn and not tight or smooth causing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024
The rule was corrected as of this visit.
Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024
Citation was corrected as of this date.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant advised the provider that they are required to have the center be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. The consultant suggested that the provider put up blinds for nap time..

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

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

Not Met

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 on the consultant's observation that the screws on the fence were protruding in excess of 2/3 and accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024
The citation was corrected as of this visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper labeling of soiled and non-soiled items was discussed with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024
The citation was corrected as of this visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024
This citation was corrected as of this visit.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on observation that children in the Turtles classroom as well as the Tadpoles classroom who were not comfortable during toileting as they entered the classroom trying to redress themselves.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Technical Assistance

The Consultant advised the Provider to make sure all cups are away from the diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

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 that there wasn't a garbage can in the three year old bathroom.

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: 5/15/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children failed to wash their hands after toileting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff entered the infant room and picked up a child without staff washing their hands.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that before any changes can be made to the center they should contact their regional consultant and complete an amendment when necessary.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on consultant's observation that some cots in every classroom are not in good repair and have strings hanging and ragged edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024

.30(1)(d) -

This citation was corrected as of this visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a three month old baby was placed on their stomach to sleep.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the cots in the Owls, Owls (2) class were not covered in the classroom and accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/15/2024

This citation was corrected as of this visit.