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Date: 9/6/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

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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.
09/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/07/2021	POI Follow Up	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	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B-Infant	Infants	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Nap
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 2 (D)	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transiti oning
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	22	C	Outside
Main	Room 5(G)	GA PreK	2	19	C	18	NC	26	C	TV
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	26	C	Outside
Main	Room 7(I)		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 103			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145				
						Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				

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
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2022

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.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@decgal.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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

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

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 observation, that tears were observed with foam exposed on the blue vinyl couch in Room 2 (D) which prevented the couch from being thoroughly kept clean on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Prior Visits: 08/07/2019

591-1-1-35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

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 4 (F) – Plastic bags were observed accessible to children hanging from the children's cubbies.
- Room 5 (G) – Plastic bags were observed present and accessible to children in a low shelf beside the stack of cots.
- Room 6 (H) – Lysol disinfectant spray, black trash bags, boxes of gloves, clear plastic bags, seven containers of sunscreen, three containers of diaper rash cream, a tube of Aquaphor, and one bottle of Cutter's bug spray were observed accessible to children in an unlocked cabinet under the diaper changing table.

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: 9/6/2022**Prior Visits: 08/07/2019****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 a tree root was observed exposed and raised on the Center Playground near the slides, which was a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined that mushrooms were observed present on the Right Playground on this date.

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: 9/6/2022**Prior Visits: 08/07/2019****Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022****Prior Visits: 04/04/2022****Corrected on 9/6/2022**

.15(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the center had a written infant feeding plan on file for each infant enrolled, which contained all required information on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined, based on observation, that four bottles were observed not labeled in Room B on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022**Prior Visits: 08/07/2019****Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022****Prior Visits: 03/01/2021****Corrected on 9/6/2022**

.15(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that the current menu was observed to meet USDA guidelines and not have any foods associated with young children's choking incidents included on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined, based on observation, that one infant in Room A was observed to have a pacifier attached to their clothing on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022**Prior Visits: 05/15/2019**

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined, based on observation, that a child was observed to be placed in time out by standing on the fence on the Left Playground as a form of discipline for a behavior that occurred earlier in the day. It was further determined that a staff member in Room 4 (F) was observed to use threats with a change in the tone of voice as a form of discipline to a three-year-old child for a toileting accident

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take immediate action to ensure the action/conduct has ceased; train/review appropriate child guidance techniques with center staff; and have a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022**Prior Visits: 03/31/2021****591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022**Prior Visits: 04/04/2022****Corrected on 9/6/2022**

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the emergency medical information record contained all required information for all children enrolled and participating in routine transportation by the center on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined, based on a review of records, that staff failed to document in writing a check or other mark/symbol to account for the loading and unloading of one child during afternoon routine transportation from Riverside Elementary to the Center on August 23, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

Prior Visits: 08/25/2021

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, that the second check of the vehicle was not documented for routine transportation conducted the week of August 22, 2022, to and from Riverside Elementary.

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: 9/6/2022

Prior Visits: 08/25/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that sheets were removed from cots prior to storage and that each child's sheet and blanket were stored separately and not touching another child's blanket and/or sheet.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

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(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2022

Corrected on 9/6/2022

.14(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had evidence of completing first aid and CPR training on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022

Prior Visits: 04/04/2022

Corrected on 9/6/2022

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that each driver had evidence of completing first aid and CPR training on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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