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Date: 9/17/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:10 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-39820

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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.
09/17/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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-Front Middle		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-Front Left	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	C-2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	D-3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E-4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Free Play
Main	F-Back Left Side	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	G-Back Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-Front Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	J-2nd Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 77					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Front Left	33	C

Main	Plgd-Front Right	10	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Left	29	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Right	51	C

Comments

A POI/FU was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/17/2024

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.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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

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 the following equipment and furniture was not in good repair:

Classroom B (Front Left)

* The multi-colored climbing structure was torn and exposed foam was present.

Classroom E (forth left)

* A rug was not in good repair as it was not secured to the floor (uplifted on the edge) which posed as a tripping hazard.

Classroom G

* The red soft chair was torn and had exposed foam was present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The director will order new sofas and a kitchen set for the classrooms identified.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

Facility

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 the following hazards were present:

Classroom G (back middle)

- * A plastic bag was hanging in the cubby area.
- * Baby wipes labeled as a suffocation hazard was in a child's book bag in the cubby area.
- * Purell hand sanitizer and dial soap, labeled, "keep out of reach of children" was located on top of the counter of the children's sink.

Classroom E (fourth left)

- * Hand sanitizer labeled, "keep out of reach of children" was located on top of the counter of the children's sink.

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: 9/18/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

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 the following was not in good repair:

Classroom G (back middle)

- * The boards on the back side of the children's toilets were not in good repair as they were not connected to the wall which posed as an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

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 observation the fence located on the front left playground had a 9 inch gap and 3 7/8 inch gaps along the bottom of the fence. Additionally, the fence located on the front right playground had 4 inch gap through the covering in which there were 3 7/8 inch gaps along the bottom of the fence which posed as entrapment hazards.

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: 10/1/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

Correction of citation in that the field trip form was completed correctly from the last field trip taken on July 25, 2024 to Starlite Family Fun Center of Stockbridge.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation seven crib mattresses were not covered with waterproof washable material in Classroom A (front middle) and eight in Classroom B (front left).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

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 on observation a staff member in Classroom E (fourth left) was not seated within an arm's length away from two-year-old children in care as the children were eating lunch which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024