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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/25/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
02/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/15/2021	Complaint Closure	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	1st Left #1	Infants	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	1st Right #7	Infants	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Left #2	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Right #8	One Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	3rd left #3	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	3rd Right #9	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	4th Left #4	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Right	One Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside,Circle Time
Main	5th Left #5	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6th Left #6	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Gym - Art Area		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Main	Gym - Basketball/Rec Area		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	
Main	Gym - Block Classroom		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Main	Gym - Dramatic Play		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	Gym - Homework Area		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	Gym - Snack Area		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 117

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243

Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1 - school age	151	C
Main	Playground 2	15	C
Main	Playground 3	17	C
Main	Playground 4	14	C
Main	Playground 5	15	C
Main	Playground 6	14	C
Main	Playground 7	17	C

Comments

An in-person walkthrough of the facility was conducted on February 25, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by March 4, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director after the walkthrough. The center does provide transportation. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk through visit. The annual review was completed on March 17, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Julie Mathews, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, Consultant

Date



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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)

Technical Assistance

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The consultant discussed with the director the requirement 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. The director removed broken orange chairs, a broken cubby drawer and two broken lids on toy containers.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

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

Met

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 in classroom 2 an unlocked cabinet had hand sanitizer labeled keep out reach of children and a staff's purse that was accessible to children.

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: 2/25/2022

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed the requirement that protective caps be on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. The director replaced protective caps on uncovered electrical outlets.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

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 that on the After School playground there was a four (4) inch gap in the bottom of the back left corner fence. Additionally, there were nine (9) bolts on the entry gate with a thread length longer than the two thread lengths as allowed.

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: 2/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there were the following hazards.

-On the After School playground on the large piece of equipment the climbing wall had a crack that was twenty (20) inches long and four (4) inches wide. Additionally, the slide entrance cover was not bolted and allowed a nine (9) inch gap from the platform to the slide.

-On playground 2 there was a wooden kitchen that had rusted and exposed nails. Additionally, there was a sand box that two rusted and exposed bolts.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the After School playground the fall zone around the red piece of equipment was inadequately sized.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2022

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that 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.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that there were the following hazards on the transportation vehicles.

-On the van with tag #6254 all of the bench seats vinyl was worn to the exposed foam.

-On the van with tag #9012 the third and back right seats were torn.

-On the van with tag #6162 the front right and left seat, the second right and left seat, and the third right and left seats were torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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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 that in classroom 1 there were nine (9) crib mattresses and in classroom 7 there was one (1) crib mattress that were not tight-fitting without gaps.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that nine (9) crib sheets in classroom 1 and one (1) crib sheet in classroom 7 were not tight-fitting as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that safe sleep approved wedges (not rolled blankets), other approved infant positioning devices be used to elevate a crib mattress when a parent provides a physician's written statement authorizing the use of a positioning device to elevate a sleeping infant.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider the requirement that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored and completely covered to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Staff Records	
Records Reviewed: 23	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 10/20/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 01/07/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/10/2019	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/27/2018	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/27/2018	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/11/2016	Met
Staff # 11	Met

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/1999	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2015	
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/1998	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2020	
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2020	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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