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Date: 11/28/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 1:45 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.
11/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Building A	A- 3mth -2yrs		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 13			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building B	B (3-12 Years)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building B	C (3-12 Years)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building A	A (3mth-2 Years)	30	C
Building B	B (3-12 Years)	213	C

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/28/2023

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

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 user id 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Della Burrage, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure the Center Staff follows a daily schedule for each group to reflect routines and activities that is flexible but routinely followed to provide structure as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. No pool on the property on this date.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that children's files were observed to be completed with the required information on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that the center had an electronic sign in and out program that showed the required information.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citations in that there were no visible hazards present on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises is clean and in good repair. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the tissue holders in Building B (Classroom B) is repaired or replaced as well as the stained ceiling tiles in the children's bathroom. Additionally, please ensure vents are free of dust as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

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

Not Met

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 chipped paint was present on the multi-colored curvy slide. Additionally, the slide was detached at the top from the base of the wooden climbing structure.

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: 12/8/2023

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that there was at least six inches of mulch surrounding play equipment as required.

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 the following hazards were present:

* Sticks were throughout the area on Playground B.

* The pvc pipes surrounding the playground equipment was detached and cracked on the ends on Playground B.

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: 12/12/2023

Recited on 11/28/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023****Corrected on 11/28/2023****Correction of citation in that there were no infants enrolled on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023****Corrected on 11/28/2023****Correction of citation in that menus were observed to be posted on this date.****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Consultant discussed these requirements with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation Building B (Classroom B) had a diaper changing pad that was not non-porous as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change. The director will also paint the chipped part of the diapering rail.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023****Corrected on 11/28/2023****Correction of citation in that staff stated proper knowledge of handwashing procedures on this date.**

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/28/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that the center conducted all emergency drills as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that the written plan for emergencies was completed on this date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director; however, there were no infants enrolled on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that there were no infants currently enrolled although the two cribs had infant crib mattress were non-porous as required.

	Staff Records
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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 on this date.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on March 23, 2023.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that at least 50% of staff members have completed and were current with first aid and cpr as required on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records one staff member did not complete hands on / in person CPR and First Aid within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

Recited on 11/28/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that all staff members have a completed orientation form on file as required.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that the current director completed the four hour nutrition training as required. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure an additional staff member completes the four hour nutrition training in the event the director is not present.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Corrected on 11/28/2023

Correction of citation in that appropriate staff:child ratios were observed on this date.

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 on this date.