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Date: 3/15/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:10 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-52620

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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.
03/15/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Complaint Closure	Support	
10/28/2022	Complaint Closure	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	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds	1	2	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room B - 2L/3L	GA PreK	1	2	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room C - 4L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	22	NC	40	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	Room D - 3R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E - 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 34					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (1st left)	14	C
Main	Playground B (second left)	19	C
Main	Playground C (Large back left)	64	C
Main	Playground D (Outside of class D)	8	C

Comments

Transportation observed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/15/2023

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.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!

Awayana Adams, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(6) requires Center Staff to ensure children less than three years of age do not spend more than one-half hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake. It was determined based on observation upon arrival that an infant was awake in a carrier and the staff member moved the infant to a bouncer in which the child remained in for over one-half hour.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to use confining equipment appropriately, to provide supervised floor play daily for children under three years of age, including infants, and will monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the crock pot in Room F needs to be secured.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.26(4) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023
.26(7) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023
.26(8) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023
.26(9) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

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 arriving for the day were not required to wash hands throughout the center.

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: 3/15/2023

Organization

591-1-1-.04 Admission and Enrollment

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Parents were observed stopping at the front door to drop off children. Consultant did not observe any asking to go further, but it was discussed that parents need access to the center.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that a staff member on the gray van loaded children for morning transportation. The children were not in a booster seat and were not in seat belts. The consultant had to instruct the staff member to ensure that the children were secured and belted in before leaving the facility.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022****Corrected on 3/15/2023****.30(2) - Citation corrected.**

Staff Records

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

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022****Corrected on 3/15/2023****.32(1) - Citation corrected.****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival there was a staff:child ratio of 1:14 among ages infants through school-age children in the Cafeteria. A ratio of 3:14 was required. It was further determined that there was a staff:child ratio of 1:22 among four-year-old through six-year-old children in Room C. A staff:child ratio of 2:22 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022****Corrected on 3/15/2023****.32(4)(a) - Citation corrected. Children were housed together and were in the process of being moved to classrooms upon consultants arrival.**