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Date: 10/9/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:10 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-39788

Building Blocks Learning Center

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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.
10/09/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/03/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/03/2023	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
Main	A		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B	Infants	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	C		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Centers
Main	F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Centers
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play, Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	60	C
Main	B	125	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	15	21	21	13	0	27

Comments

The purpose of the visit was licensing study. The center doesn't provide transportation, swimming, field trips and medication dispensing. The Center's Director and Assistant Director was present during the visit.

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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed and provided resources for updated lesson plans. Additionally, Provider will ensure that all lesson plans are posted in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

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 that an infant in classroom B was in a frog seat from 9:35am until 10:17am and another infant in Classroom B was in a pink bouncy seat from 9:17am until 12:23pm.

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: 10/9/2024

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(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that five out of six safety straps were missing from the infants feeding table in Classroom B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained in and children are taught the proper use of all furniture, materials and equipment; will implement a plan for this information to be reviewed with both groups on an ongoing basis; and for monitoring proper and age-appropriate usage.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined there were no working vents in classroom E (boys bathroom) and neither bathrooms in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024

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 that the following hazards were observed on this date:

Classroom C: Broom, Mop and Bucket with chemical water present was accessible

Classroom E: Broken locks on cabinets that contained chemicals accessible

Classroom F: Hand Sanitizer on toy shelf by main entrance; rolled carpet / rug leaning next to the supply cabinet in the back on the classroom

Classroom G: Staff personal belongings (purse/ bookbag) containing hazardous items on toy shelf and hanging near children's bookbags accessible; first aid kit accessible; child's bookbag containing items labeled "keep out of reach of children" accessible (desitin, ibuprofen, tylenol, germ ex, sunscreen, personal hygiene items); scissors and tape dispenser accessible

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: 10/9/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure child proof covers are on all electrical outlets throughout the facility.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed maintenance of resilient surface to fluff and redistribute. Consultant discussed the observation of the tarp underneath the mulch visible which could cause a tripping hazard.

Comment

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure that all swings are rust free.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

.10(4) - Consultant observed the changing pad in Room B was in good repair on this noted date.

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 Consultant's observation that children did not wash their hands in the following classroom during various times:

Classroom G: After diapering

Classroom B: After diapering, before and after feeding

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: 10/9/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the following staff did not wash their hands during various times:

Classroom B: After diapering; re-entering the room; before and after feeding

Classroom G: After diapering

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(9) - Consultant discussed with Director the observation of several children's blankets located on the floor behind a torn basket of blankets in Classroom G.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all emergency drills are completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2024

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all staff have proper training on discipline procedures.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 10/9/2024

.30(1)(b)4 - Consultant observed children to have covering on their cot / mat as required throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant in Classroom B fell asleep in a bouncy and was not removed for approximately thirty minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 10/9/2024

.09(1)(a) - Consultant reviewed all staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive records check.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 10/9/2024

.09(1)(c) - Consultant reviewed staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive records check.

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

Not Met

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 staff's records that Staff #8, Staff # 10, Staff #15 did not complete their CPR/First Aid Certification within the first 90 day of employment.

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: 11/8/2024

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

Met

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure appropriate supervision at all times throughout the center.