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Date: 1/18/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:35 AM

Departure: 6:00 PM

CCLC-3947

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/08/2023	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	120 Fern	Infants	3	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	122 Virginia Creeper	Infants	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	124 Primrose	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	126 Lily	One Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	132 Holly	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	134 Mulberry	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	144 Red Bud	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	146 Dogwood	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	152 Maple	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	164 Willow	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	166 Laurel	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	176 redwood	GA PreK	3	21	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	178 Silver Bells		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	180 Birch	Three Year Olds	3	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	182 Chesnut	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	186 Elm	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	188 Hickory	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	192 Oak	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	194 Cypress	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Piazza 121-Infant		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza 151-Toddler II		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Preschool		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Toddler I		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 231					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG1-preschool/sa	46	C
Main	PG2-toddler	57	C
Main	PG3-toddler	23	C
Main	PG4-Infant/young toddler	43	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on January 18, 2024 with the Director Lasheenias Fields. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/18/2024

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.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!

Lasheenia Fields, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Regional 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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director taping down the rolled carpet end in classroom 180 Birch. The Consultant discussed with the Director removing the bean bag with the small tear in classroom 176 Redwood.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

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

Met

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 based on observation that the classrooms did not have a functioning exhaust fan and duct system on this date.

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: 2/1/2024

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Corrected on 1/18/2024

.25(3) - Citation corrected. No hazards observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director covering the small area of chipped paint on the right side wall in classroom 188 Hickory.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 a approximately four inch gap was observed in the black fence on the front PG1-preschool/sa playground.

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: 2/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Director cutting the protruding tree roots and spray painting the tree roots near the play equipment on the PG1-preschool/sa playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

	Safety
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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)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

	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.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.