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Date: 12/10/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/09/2024	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
10/31/2023	Licensing Study	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	Lower /Right	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Lower/Left	Two Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Upper/Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Upper/Middle	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Upper/Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 40		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	197	C
Main	Left Front Playground	23	C

Enrolled Children

Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	13	8	16	9	0	41

Comments
An on-site inspection was conducted on December 10, 2024 with the Director Sonya Harris. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

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.decal.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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

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

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director adding the parent work telephone numbers to the children files.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

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

Finding
591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that two space heaters were observed accessible to children in classroom Upper/Left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.25(13) - Citation corrected. The Consultant discussed with the Director that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.26(4) - Citation corrected. The fence was observed in good repair.

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 the following hazards were observed:

Back Playground
- Rusted swing and tire chains throughout the playground,
- Rust on both monkey bar handles.
- An exposed bolt under the yellow slide.
- Chipped paint on the yellow car, blue car, blue tunnel, red fire engine.
- Rust on the red and blue tricycle.

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: 12/24/2024

Recited on 12/10/2024

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 that there was an active ant pile on the Back playground near the top right side underneath the swings.

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: 12/24/2024

Food Service

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

Comment
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:
DECAL
http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx
USDA
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.18(7) requires each Center to have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined based on observation that two bugs were observed in the rubber gasket of the refrigerator on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will designate an area for the storage of these items, will thoroughly clean the space, if needed, develop and implement a plan to train Staff, as needed, and inspect the storage area daily.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024

Finding
591-1-1-.18(9) requires cleaning materials to be stored separately from food. It was determined based on observation that the first aid kit was stored on the same shelf as the food seasonings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will establish and maintain separate storage areas for food and cleaning materials.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined, based on observation, that the center failed to conduct the monthly smoke detector and fire extinguisher checks as required for 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Recited on 12/10/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - The Consultant discussed with the Director updating the emergency preparedness plan. Discussed with the Director that the Center to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions and shall include assurance that no Center Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.29(2) - Discussed with the Director that the Director or designated person-in-charge to report or cause to be reported any cases or suspected cases of notifiable communicable diseases (COVID-19, Tuberculosis, Measles, etc.) or any viruses or illnesses identified during a public health emergency, immediately to the Department and to the local County Health Department as required by the rules of the Georgia Department of Public Health, Rule 511-2-1, Notification of Disease.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

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 the following hazards were observed:

Vehicle # VUY7160
- Unraveling tape on the first three seat rows.

Vehicle # RRW0848
- Two missing seat belt covers.
- A seat belt that would not retract.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/25/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.09(1)(c) - Citation corrected. Criminal record checks observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.09(1)(l)3. - Citation corrected. Criminal record checks observed complete.

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

Comment
Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.14(2) - Citation corrected. 50% of staff observed with first aid and CPR on this date.

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

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

Corrected on 12/10/2024
.33(3) - Citation corrected. Health and Safety Orientation training observed complete observed complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 4 and staff #10 did not have the academic requirements to be the lead teacher on file as of today.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

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
Adequate supervision observed on this date.