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Date: 1/4/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 4:25 PM

CCLC-18206

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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.
01/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/13/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	Incident Investigation 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
Building 2	1R- Classroom, Three and Older	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	2L - Classroom, Five and Older	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	Back- Classroom, Four and Older	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 360				
Main	A 1st Right	Infants	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 3rd Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 4th Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 5th Right	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 6th Right	Two Year Olds	3	22	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G Middle Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	Gym Center Rm		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H 4th Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J 2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	27	C	38	C	Centers

Main	K 1st Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	27	C	38	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 360					
Total # Children this Date: 176					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 360					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/ Toddler	38	C
Main	Preschool	27	C
Main	Preschool, Back	60	C
Main	Sport Court- three-years-old and older	14	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct Licensing Study. Staff file, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more (holidays, vacation, staff development etc).

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/04/2024

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.decga.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

591-1-1.12 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 to please ensure that all equipment and furniture is secured to prevent injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.06 - The Consultant discussed with the director to please ensure to check and monitor vents and repair as needed.

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 based on observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

-Classroom D 4th Right - A plastic grocery bag was stored in the cubby area located on the far right of the classroom.

-Classroom E 5th Right - A pack of Cuties and Pure Pampers were stored in a clear three storage bin in the front right side of the classroom. There seven packs of Pampers wipes, four packs of Cuties 72, one pack of Huggies, and one pack of Parent Choice diaper wipes stored in a clear storage bin under the left side of the counter in the children's restroom located on the far left rear of the classroom. Teacher immediately removed all items and stored the wipes in a locked cabinet under the children's sink in the restroom.

Classroom G Middle- One box of plastic gloves, one pack of Cuties diaper wipes and two packs of Kirkland diaper wipes stored in a clear three storage bin located in the front right side of the room adjacent to the children's cubby.

Classroom H 4th Left- Two plastic grocery bags and 13 plastic party bags all items were stored in children blue and clear travel bags located in the cubby areas on the right and left side of the classroom.

Classroom I 3rd Left- A pack of Parent Choice wipes and plastic gloves were stored in a clear three drawer storage bin located in the front right side of classroom.

Building 2

Classroom 1R- A box of plastic gloves stored in a clear three drawer storage bin located in the front left side of the classroom.

Classroom Back- Four plastic grocery bags stored in the drawers of the multi-colored storage bin located in the front right side of the classroom.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN"

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: 1/4/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure to monitor the playground areas for any trash or debris.

Comment

Playground equipment observed to be in good repair.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure all staff members in the diaper changing rooms monitor the dirt build-up underneath the diaper changing pad and clean regularly.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Cribs/cots were labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - The Consultant discussed the Director to please ensure that two-year old children that has transitioned to the three-year-old class have the Mixed-age group form in the children's file.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.