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Date: 9/14/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

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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.
09/14/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/28/2022	Licensing Study	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	A1L-Private Prek	GA PreK	2	17	C	37	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	B-2L- Play Room	GA PreK	2	17	C	46	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C 3L Storage Rm.	GA PreK	2	20	C	32	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D-Bk Left School age	GA PreK	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	EBk Right- School age	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F4R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G3R- 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music
Main	H2R- Toddlers	One Year Olds	4	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	I1R- Infants	Infants	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 258					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 137					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Preschool	101	C
Main	B-School Age	141	C
Main	C-Infants	26	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on April 14, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/14/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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)

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Finding

591-1-1.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the blue vinyl chair had torn fabric located in classroom F4R. Further, the purple vinyl frame around the mirror was torn with exposed foam in classroom I1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

Recited on 9/14/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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
Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there was a broken tile in kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Recited on 9/14/2023

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 bleach was stored in an unlocked cabinet accessible to children in classroom D Back Left and that soap labeled Keep out of Reach of Children was stored in an unlocked cabinet in Classroom C3L.

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: 9/14/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that vents are working properly and are cleaned regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed that infant feeding forms were current.

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

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

591-1-1-.18(8) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that food items are stored above the floor.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 9/14/2023

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed hand washing throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the director licensing the cafeteria as a special use area.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.11 - Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Consultant observed completed checklists with arrival times, departure times, and first and second vehicle checks documented.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023**Corrected on 9/14/2023**

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed complete emergency medical information records for 45 of 45 children receiving school transportation services.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that six mats were repaired with tape in classroom B2L. Tape should not be used to repair cracks or torn areas on children's sleeping/resting equipment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick. Director stated that new mats have been ordered.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023**Recited on 9/14/2023**

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided twelve files for employees hired since last visit April 14, 2023..

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Comment**

The consultant observed all staff members hired more than 90-days to have evidence of a current first aid and CPR training card on file.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on observation that the first aid kit in vehicle tag number CWD1158 did not have scissors, tweezers, adhesive tape, thermometer, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack and the first aid kit in vehicle tag number RIM8202 did not have scissors, tweezers, adhesive tape, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, and a protective face mask.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2023

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.24(1) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that employees provide a ten year work history to be maintained in the employees' files.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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

The consultant observed all required staff members to have completed the required 10-clock hours of annual training for the year 2022.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.