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Date: 7/29/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

**CCLC-10767**

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Quality Rated: ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 07/29/2024                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/05/2023                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/03/2023                         | Complaint Closure | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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                            | 112   | Four Year Olds                  | 1     | 6        | C                               | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                            | A 113 | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2     | 5        | C                               | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                            | B 115 | Two Year Olds                   | 1     | 9        | C                               | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Lunch             |
| Main                            | C 117 | Two Year Olds                   | 2     | 9        | C                               | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning                    |
| Main                            | D 119 | Three Year Olds                 | 2     | 7        | C                               | 14         | C            | 20         | C            | Outside                          |
| Main                            | E 121 | Four Year Olds                  | 1     | 8        | C                               | 17         | C            | 24         | C            | Outside                          |
| Main                            | F 120 | One Year Olds                   | 2     | 6        | C                               | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                            | G 118 | Infants                         | 3     | 7        | C                               | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play, Floor Play, Diapering |
| Main                            | H 116 |                                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 10         | C            | 14         | C            |                                  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113 |       |                                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130 |            |              |            |              |                                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 57  |       |                                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 130 |            |              |            |              |                                  |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PLAYGROUND | 49                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/29/2024

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.al.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](http://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](mailto: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**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that current lesson plans are available in all rooms.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024**

**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**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

.08(1) - Previous citation was corrected as complete child records were observed.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 11/4/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

.06(4) - Previous citation was corrected as consultant observed that the exhausts in the bathrooms were operating as required and pulling the air in.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**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 hazards were accessible to the children:

- \* Room 113- diaper cream, sunscreen spray and sunscreen stick were stored in the children's individual storage bins and were accessible to the children.

- \* Room 115- a container of Aquaphor cream stored in an unlocked cabinet under the diaper table; Lysol spray, a spray bottle of bleach water and grocery bags stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink. Additionally, there was a bag with a tube of sunscreen, bug spray and diaper cream placed on the door handle and accessible to the 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: 7/29/2024****Recited on 7/29/2024****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the broken door of the cabinet under the diaper table in the Infant room (# 118) is repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the exhaust vents in the diapering rooms and in the bathrooms are free of dust.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024**

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**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 were mushrooms in large clusters on both playgrounds, around and under the play equipment and by the fence. They appear to be one of the poisonous look alike of the Wild Chanterelle mushrooms.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The program will develop a system of inspecting the playgrounds and removing any potentially hazardous plants before the children go outside.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

591-1-1-.18(5) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the temperature in the refrigerator in the Infant room where the baby bottles were kept, measured approximately 50 degrees when no more than 40 was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024**

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

591-1-1-.10(1)- Previous citation was deferred as the exhausts in rooms 113, 119 and 118 were working properly. The exhaust in room 115 was not operation on the day of the visit. The Director will address with maintenance since repairs were made to all exhausts. Compliance will be assessed at next visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

**.10(4) - Previous citation was corrected as proper diapering was observed and staff stated proper knowledge.**

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

**.17(10) - Previous citation was corrected as there were no potty chairs used and staff stated proper knowledge of cleaning them.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Please ensure that children's hands are washed after diapering.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2024**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

**.20(4) - Previous citation was corrected as the provider does not dispense medication and there was no medication observed to be accessible to the children.**

**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.16(f)- Previous citation was deferred as the Director did not realize that the Amendment Application was left in 'Not Submitted' status. The Director will upload all required documents and submit the application by August 2, 2024.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023**

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

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**Safety**

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

**.30(2) - Previous citation was corrected as staff stated proper knowledge of Safe Sleep requirements.**

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024**

**Corrected on 7/29/2024**

**.14(1) - Previous citation was corrected as there was evidence of current CPR/First Aid training for the Director and 50 % of staff.**

**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 review of records that three staff hired after September 30, 2016 did not have evidence of current CPR/First Aid training on file within 90 days of hire.

**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: 8/28/2024**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of Initial Staff Orientation for one staff.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their staff's assignment to children or task.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**

**Recited on 7/29/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that four staff did not have evidence of the Health and Safety Orientation training within the 90 days of hire.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**

**Recited on 7/29/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of four hours nutrition training for the Director who was hired on April 6, 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

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