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Cover Sheet

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/25/2020	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	C 184	One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A 178	Infants	3	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B 183		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D 188	One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 191	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 196	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G 124	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 131	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I 153	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J 149		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K 174	PreK	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L 167	PreK	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M 165	PreK	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	N 158	PreK	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 108		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR A PRESCHOOL	65	C
Main	PGR B INFANTS	10	C

Comments
An Administrative Review was conducted on September 17, 2021 Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 17, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant discussed Comprehensive background check rules.

Discussed supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

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

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

1) Facility name, license number and visit date
2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx

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)

Gemorial Johnson, Program Official Date

Junya Herron, 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) **Met**

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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) **Met**

Comment
Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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 observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

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

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Records Reviewed: 42 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2012

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2004

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2000

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2016

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2018

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2014

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2018

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 06/30/2017

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2016

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2019

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2010

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2000

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2018

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2006

Staff # 20 Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 21 Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2010

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 01/13/2010	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 10/21/2019	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 08/22/2016	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 01/25/2016	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 09/01/2017	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 09/17/2017	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 05/05/2017	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 01/05/2010	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 05/30/2019	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.