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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/22/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/25/2022	POI Follow Up	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
Building II	F- 4-5 yrs		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Building II	G- 5-10 yrs Afterschool		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A- 2's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 1's & 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D- 1's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 6wks- 12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering,Feeding
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 21		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-1-3yrs	23	C
Main	Playground B-3-10 yrs	47	C

Main	Playground C- 6wks-18mths	23	C

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/22/2023

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.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)

QUALITY™ RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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-.03 Activities — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(10) requires Center Staff to provide routines for toileting, eating, resting, napping (depending upon the age of the children), intervals between activities and doing school homework, if any. Staff shall assist and encourage each child to become independent in the development of self-help skills, such as washing hands and face, dressing, eating and toileting. It was determined based on observation that Room E and Room B did not have daily schedules. Room B had cards for a schedule but it was not posted or out together in a mannter that was being followed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will review current practices, develop routines where needed, train Staff and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observed that classrooms throughout did not have current lesson plans as they were dated January 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the equipment in Room G needed to be organized.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

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) **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 children in care:
-Room C:
Broom and dust pan by the cubbies
-hand santizer and latex gloves on the small green refrigerator within reach of children

Room B:
-three packs of baby wipes in diaper bags that pose a suffocation hazard to children in care

Room G:
broom and dust pan
Clorox spray on the sink within reach of children

Mop and mop bucket in the hallway on the route to Room G

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: 3/22/2023

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

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 three of three center playground were in need of the grass being cut and and Playground C had trash items throughout that were in need of being picked up.

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: 3/22/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that infant feeding plans are marked to indicate if the child is on solid foods or not.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

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

Finding
591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that two boxes of ritz crackers were stored on the floor in the kitchen pantry.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the diapering sink in Room B needs soap.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in Room E did not wash hands prior to diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Recited on 3/22/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in Room B within a diapering bag Orajel and soothing tablets that reach "keep out of reach of children" were accessible.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

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 a review of records that the center did not have 2022/2023 emergency drills to be viewed while at the center.

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: 3/27/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

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) **Not Evaluated**

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

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

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2022

Corrected on 3/22/2023
.36(3)(a-b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Finding
591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pickup location, routine pickup time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that three children being transported did not have transportation agreements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from the emergency medical forms:
-three children listed on the transportation log did not have a medical information form in the bus transportation log
-seven of 26 did not have the medical facility address

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Recited on 3/22/2023

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**

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

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

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.