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Date: 6/3/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-50217

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/03/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/30/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	

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	A: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 3R: two's	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D: 4R	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	Three Year Olds	3	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I: 4L: three's	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K: 2L: one's	Infants	3	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 151					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C

Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on January 30, 2024

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/03/2024

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.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)



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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.12(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the wooden shelves in the classroom were adequately secure.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.06(7) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that center bathrooms were clean.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.25(13) - Previously cited rule violations was corrected on this date. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.15(2) - Consultant observed updated feeding plans for all the children present in the infant classroom.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.15(6)(d) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024****Corrected on 6/3/2024**

.10(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that staff properly clean diapering surface after completing a diaper change.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024****Corrected on 6/3/2024**

.17(6) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed lids covers over the trash can in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024**Corrected on 6/3/2024**

.17(7)(a) - Proper hand washing procedures were observed by the consultant.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024**Corrected on 6/3/2024**

.17(8) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed proper hand washing of children and staff.

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

591-1-1-.16(f)-Deferred until next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024****Corrected on 6/3/2024**

.27 - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff # 21 and staff #8 who was present at the center caring for children in a classroom without a valid and current Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will [] to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was based on a review of records that staff # 6 and staff #8 were present at the center with a satisfactory criminal background check determination that was conducted within the preceding 12 months from the hire date but was not ported to the Director's DECAL KOALA.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #21 was present at the center caring for children. The staff member's criminal background check on file with the center was not current and had expired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 6/3/2024

.14(2) - Previously cited rule violation regarding missing CPR and First aid training certifications was corrected on this date.

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 a review of records that two staff member over 90 days of hire did not have health and safety orientation.

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: 6/3/2024

Recited on 6/3/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Defer until next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024