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Date: 8/21/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:20 PM

CCLC-32934

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/21/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support	
06/30/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/12/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Building 1	B		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	C		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	28	C	Nap,Story
Building 1	E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time
Building 1	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			109		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					
Building 2/gym	back left		0	0	C	7	C	10	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			7		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Infant/Toddler	54	C
Building 1	School-Age	69	C

Comments

An on-site complaint investigation was conducted on August 21, 2023. Investigative findings were not concluded on August 21, 2023. Background checks were all reviewed on August 21, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/05/2023

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Kymille Hill, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

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 following hazards were observed:

Classroom D

- Loose door handle on the children's play kitchen sink set.

Classroom E

- Exposed nailed on the black desk furniture near the back exit door.

- Exposed nails on the bottom of the book shelf on the right side of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the television in classroom E was not secured to the shelf and was wobbly.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) The Consultant discussed with the Director checking the ventilation in the girls restroom in classroom E. The Consultant discussed with the Director that a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

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 the following hazards were observed:

Classroom B

- A grocery bag observed on top of the sink area.
- Grocery bags stored in a unlocked cabinet under the sink.

Classroom E

- A broom near the entrance door.

Classroom F

- Diaper wipes stored on top of the cubbies near the exit door.
- A plunger stored in the restroom.
- Two brooms stored in the restroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Classroom B

- Staples throughout the classroom.

Classroom D

- Peeling paint on the wall in the dramatic area.
- Protruding screws on the first and second shelf on the right side of the classroom.
- A cracked floor tile in the restroom area.

Classroom E

- The first toilet in the girl's restroom was not flushing.
- The first faucet in the boys restroom was loose.
- Three damaged ceiling tiles were observed near the white cabinet and girls restroom.
- Peeling paint near the closet door on the right side of the classroom.
- Staples throughout the classroom.

Classroom F

- The restroom door was hard to open.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2023

Recited on 8/21/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence gate was not secured and the latch to the gate was broken.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2023

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 the following hazards were observed:

Infant/toddler playground

- High grass throughout the playground.
- A medium size tree limb was observed on the left side of the playground.
- Vegetation observed growing throughout the fence.
- Vegetation observed growing throughout the fence around the air conditioner unit.

School-Age playground

- High grass throughout the playground.
 - Vegetation observed growing throughout the fence.
 - A piece of a mounted blue structure on the right side of the play equipment that could cause a tripping hazard.
 - Exposed concrete at the entrance gate on the right side.
 - Litter throughout the playground.
 - White trash bag near the picnic table near Building 2/gym.
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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2023

Recited on 8/21/2023

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.05(2) -The Consultant discussed with the Director that Center Staff must confine animals in pens or covered areas except during specific teacher-directed learning experiences and to keep animal pens and confinement areas clean.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the vehicle:

- Loose carpet on the left side.
- Jumper cables in the middle of the driver and passenger seats.
- Litter throughout the vehicle.
- Entrance/exit step to the vehicle was bent.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following was missing from the transportation checklist:

- One of one check marks to account for children loading or unloading the vehicle was missing on August 10, 2023 from Ivy Prep to Amazing Kingdom Christian Academy.
- One of one check marks to account for children unloading the vehicle was missing on August 17, 2023 from Ivy Prep to Amazing Kingdom Christian Academy.
- One of one check marks to account for children loading or unloading the vehicle was missing on August 18, 2023 from Ivy Prep to Amazing Kingdom Christian Academy.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

Corrected on 8/21/2023

.03(9) - Citation corrected. The Consultant did not observe any inappropriate activities during the visit.