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Date: 3/7/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
03/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/22/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/30/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A- 3's	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C- 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 18m-24m	One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E- 2's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 5's	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Homework
Main	G-	Infants	3	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	H- 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I-	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J- Kindergarten	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 137					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Playground	113	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2024

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.decga.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Donna Harris, Program Official

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

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed parent agreements to be obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations to be obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Consultant observed bathrooms to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that Classroom F had 21 children present when the license capacity for the room is 18 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed the center to appear clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, dust pan, plunger) out of reach of children.

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, a staff bag was found on the floor to the right near the teacher counter of Classroom F.

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: 3/7/2024

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

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

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**

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Provider on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that two out of five medication forms did not have the prescription number written on the form as required by the state.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

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

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Provider on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Ensure to 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: 3/7/2024

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

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the staff on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Consultant observed criminal record checks to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Consultant observed documentation of required staff training.

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

Comment

Consultant discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

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

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

Comment

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