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Date: 2/16/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:00 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.
02/16/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
04/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/07/2021	POI 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
Main	A-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 2 (D)	GA PreK	2	1	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 4(F)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	22	C	Outside
Main	Room 5(G)	GA PreK	2	1	C	18	C	26	C	Outside
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	26	C	Transitioning
Main	Room 7(I)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 89					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145			
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant- Right Front	11	C
Main	PG A- Left Playground	62	C
Main	PG B- Center Playground	26	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow up on the previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/02/2023

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.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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 2/16/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the equipment and furniture were observed to in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that the tank containing the pet turtle in Room 4(F) was anchored to prevent it from being tipped or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure children's files contained all required information, as one children's file was lacking the phone numbers for the parents' employers on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires 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. It was determined, based on observation, that the ventilation/exhaust fans were observed to not be operating in the girl's bathroom in Room 3(E), girl's bathroom in Room 5(G), and the boy's bathroom in Room 6(H) on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.19(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director the license capacity of Room 6(H), as the room was licensed for 18 children but a 19th child arrived. Staff were observed to relocate the arriving child to another classroom to meet license capacity.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

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

591-1-1-.25(11) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the flooring was smooth, as the wood laminate flooring was observed to be bowed in some classrooms on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2023

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 potential hazards were observed on this date:

- Room 3(E) – Two plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children’s cubbies on this date.
- Room 5(G) – A broom and dustpan were observed to be accessible to children. A black trash bag was observed accessible to children beside the handwashing sink. A can of Lysol spray, a bottle of Spic n Span Cleaner, and a canister of alcohol disinfecting wipes were observed accessible to children in an unlocked cabinet under the handwashing sink on this date. Adult scissors and a roll of clear packing tape with a serrated edge were observed accessible to children on a low shelf on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Recited on 2/16/2023

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 items were observed to be not in good repair on this date:

- Room 2(D) – A handle was observed missing off of a cabinet under the handwashing sink on this date. The window molding was observed to be cracked and broken on the door leading to the playground.
- Room 5(G) - A handle was observed missing off of a cabinet under the handwashing sink on this date. The lights in the boys' and girls' bathrooms were observed to be missing the shield on this date.
- Bathrooms - Ventilation/exhaust fans throughout the building were observed to have a layer of dust on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

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

Not Met

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 a four inch gap was observed to be present at the corner of the fence surrounding the utilities and the building on the Back Left Playground which posed a potential entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined, based on observation, that the left side of the roof on the gazebo on the Center Playground was observed to be cracked and broken on this date. It was further determined that the concrete path on the Back Left Playground was observed to be cracked which posed a tripping hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2023

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 tree roots and an orange cord were observed exposed which posed as potential tripping hazards on the Right Playground on this date. It was further determined that the sewer cap under the portable play equipment was observed to have a hole in the middle which was accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2023

Recited on 2/16/2023

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure all foods served to children were not past their expiration date, as some expired items were observed in the kitchen's refrigerator on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

Corrected on 2/16/2023

.15(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that baby bottles were observed to be labeled with the individual children's names on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

Corrected on 2/16/2023

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that children were not observed to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined, based on observation, that the diaper changing pad in Room 1(C) was observed to have a tear, which prevented the diaper changing pad from being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

Corrected on 2/16/2023

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, that a positive learning environment was observed with positive redirection being used as discipline 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)

Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the vehicle tag numbers were documented on the Transportation Checklists on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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 a review of records, that staff failed to document in writing a check or other mark/symbol to account the loading and unloading of the vehicle during routine transportation for the following dates:

- The load and unload was not marked for the one child transported to/from Riverside Elementary to/from the Center during routine transportation on February 7, 2023.
- The load and unload was not marked for the one child transported to/from Riverside Elementary to/from the Center during routine transportation on February 10, 2023.
- The load and unload was not marked for the one child transported to/from Riverside Elementary to/from the Center during afternoon routine transportation on January 26, 2023, and January 27, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Recited on 2/16/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined, based on a review of records, that the return time to the facility at the end of afternoon transportation from River Ridge Elementary to the Center was not documented on February 7, 2023. It was further determined that the departure time from the Center was not documented for afternoon transportation on January 24, 2023, from River Ridge Elementary to the Center.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

Corrected on 2/16/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that the first and second checks were observed documented for routine transportation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the cots stored in the classrooms were stored covered to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

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-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined, based on a review of records, that the Center was lacking a lead teacher for Room 1(C) and for Room 4(F) on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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