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Date: 10/22/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-57852

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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.
10/22/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/20/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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	1L - Infants	Infants	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	1R - Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding
Main	2L - Two's 2	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R - Two's 1	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L - GA Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4L - GA Pre-K 3	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	4R - GA Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	5L - Three's 1	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R - Three's 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6R - Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Front	15	C
Main	Left Rear	143	C
Main	Right Middle	22	C
Main	Right Rear	216	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	14	29	34	29	31	24

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit, and conduct a Licensing Study and Complaint Investigation. The Investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the outcome once the investigation is completed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/22/2024

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@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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that tower fans are kept inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

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

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 exhaust vents in rooms 1L, 1R, 2L, 2R and 3R had dust accumulated on them and needed to be cleaned.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2024

Recited on 10/22/2024

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:

- * there were exposed sharp rusty wires at the bottom of the fence on the left side of the Toddler playground (right side).
- * there was rust present on the back fence of the afterschool playground (on the left side) that was accessible to the children..Additionally, the fence was observed to be bent in places and needed to be secured to the ground.
- * the gates to the Toddler playground and the left front playgrounds were not secured at the bottom and were moving and creating potential entrapment hazard for the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2024

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 following items on the playgrounds needed to be repaired/replaced:

- * Left side middle play area had two green landscaping pipes around the mulch area that were not connected posing an entrapment hazards.
- * Left side back play area had six of eight swings that had the protective coating on the chains coming apart with rough edges and rust on the chains..
- * There was sticky oily substance on the chains of the regular swings on the right side (Toddler)playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2024

Recited on 10/22/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - please ensure that the mats in the fall zones under the swings and the slides are in good repair and have no tears.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Emergency medication only . Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - Please submit an Amendment to add a Playground. Currently the program has three (3) Playgrounds on the license, but there are four (4) playgrounds and a pool (not in use and locked).

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023**Corrected on 10/22/2024**

.36(4)(a) - Previous citation was corrected as current vehicle inspections were observed for MFSB 5A05U6W, MFSB SCR6825 and 12 passenger Nissan van 43A345N.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) - Please ensure that the transportation checklists have the names of staff listed as well as the vehicle license plate number and dates (day/month/year).

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2024**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please ensure that the cots provided as appropriate for the size of the child.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Discussed having the cribs at least 12 inches apart when there are children in them.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 13 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of Initial Staff orientation on file for 13 staff.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2024

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training and First Aid/CPR is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on review of records that the director with date of hire February 7, 2023 did not have evidence of four hours Nutrition training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director enrolled in training while consultant was on site. The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed supervision on the playground around the big slide structure and having staff not use iPads while outside.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024