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Date: 10/16/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 6:10 PM

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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.
10/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/16/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/28/2023	Complaint 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	Room 1 - 1L	Infants	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Room 2 - 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Room 3 - 3L	One Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 4 - 4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 5 - Mid Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	27	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 6 - Mid Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 7 - 3R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 8 - 2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	48	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 9 - 1R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	40	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 255					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 81					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	26	C
Main	B	66	C
Main	C	49	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on September 11, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/16/2023

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.al.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.03(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to have current lesson plans available.

Facility

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

Not Met

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 classrooms were observed to have hazards accessible:

-Room 5- Mid Left: Plastic grocery bag and package of wipes were on the floor in the classroom and a toilet brush was on the floor in the bathroom.

-Room 7 - 3R: plastic bags were stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink on the left.

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. The staff removed the items during the visit. The staff will check bags daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2023

Recited on 10/16/2023

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 there was a gap measuring approximately five inches under the gate between playground A and B. Further there was a gap measuring approximately seven inches under the back gate between playgrounds B and C.

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: 10/16/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023****Corrected on 10/16/2023**

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023****Corrected on 10/16/2023**

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed medications to be stored inaccessible to children.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2023****Corrected on 10/16/2023**

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that the center had documentation of emergency drills conducted for 2023. Consultant discussed with director to ensure that lock down and tornado drills are conducted every six months.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023****Corrected on 10/16/2023**

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed age-appropriate discipline during a walk-through of the center. Center staff stated that they use redirection to manage children's behavior.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023**

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of current, state-approved transportation training for staff who participate in the transportation of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.36(7)(c)3. -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that center staff recorded times of departure, arrival, and return to the center when transporting children.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.36(7)(d)1. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that center staff conducted first checks of the vehicle when completing school transportation routes.

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 five files for employees hired since last visit September 11, 2023.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #13, hired on March 30, 2023, did not have current evidence of CPR and First Aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Recited on 10/16/2023

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff to have evidence of their application and ten year work history.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.33(3) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed staff hired more than 90 days to have completed e health and safety orientation training as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.31(1)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that the director completed the required director's training and qualifying child care experience.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of professional development plan for staff requiring a lead credential.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that staff were not sitting within arm's reach of children under 36 months of age during lunch in classroom 3 - 3L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. Discussed with the director regarding having two staff present during mealtimes in classrooms with children under three.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2023

Recited on 10/16/2023