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Date: 2/14/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/14/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/25/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing

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.

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: Threes	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R: School-age		0	0	C	47	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	3L: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	40	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4L: Twos	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5L: ones	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6L: infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	30	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 82		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	42	C
Main	B	30	C
Main	C	53	C

Comments
Licensing study was completed on this date.

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.decal.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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Demetria Kitchens, Program Official	Date
Stephanie Ellis, Special Investigations Unit Specialist	Date

April Brown, Regional Consultant	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-.03 Activities — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure staff members provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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: 3**

Child # 1 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Child # 2 — Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Child # 5 — Not Met

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Technical Assistance
Pleas ensure the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Consultant discussed with the director to ensure center staff ensure children's bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

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 the following was not clean, free of debris or in good repair:
* Vents were dusty in the first left, fourth left, and first right children's bathrooms.
* Ceiling tiles were stained, buckled, not secured and cracked in the first left, second left, third left, fourth left, fifth left and first right classrooms and children's bathrooms.
* Screws at the base of the toilets were not cut and covered in the children's bathrooms in the first left, second left and third left bathrooms.
* The soap dispenser was broken in the third left classroom.
* The vent was not working in the children's bathroom in the third left classroom.
* The black boarder on the right side wall in the third left classroom was detached from the wall.

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: 3/6/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure 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. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the fence on the right side of Playground C and the back corner right side of Playground B is four feet in height as it appeared that the fencing measured 3 feet 11 inches due to the fencing being buried into the mulch.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

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 the following playground equipment presented as a hazard:
Playground A
* A broken clasp with a rusted screw in the middle was present on the green pole which was connected to the tan and green climbing structure near the tan ladder.
* The rubber covering of the stairs was cracked and metal was exposed which was connected to the tan and green climbing structure.
Playground B
* Cracks were present on the blue top of the brown and gray play house.
Playground C
* The concrete walkway was not level to the ground and posed as a tripping hazard.
* The wooden boarders surrounding the play equipment was splintered.
* The rubber covering at the base of the tan and green climbing structure had exposed metal and rust present.

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: 3/6/2024

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Not Met**

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Finding
591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation perishable foods stored in the freezer was not frozen and had a temperature reading of 60 degrees instead of 0 degrees which was required. Additionally, the refrigerator reading was at 50 degrees instead of 40 degrees which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking. The center will repair or replace the refrigerator/freezer.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

Technical Assistance
Please ensure the center has a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Rust was present at the bottom inside and outside of one of the freezers on site in which food was present.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

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

Comment
Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed 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) **Met**

Comment
A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle with tag number ending in 31113 used in transporting children with an inspection date of April 2, 2023. The director reported that the other vehicle was off site as it was getting an inspection done on this date.

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment
Director provided eight file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on July 12, 2023.

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

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

Comment
Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2023 on this date.

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

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.