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Date: 9/7/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-37238

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/07/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/17/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/25/2022	Licensing Study	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	Gym		0	0	C	203	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. A		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 3 A/B	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room 4	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 5	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Story, Circle Time
Main	Room 6	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 7		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 8	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 9	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room A		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 255

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 53

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 255

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Left	58	C
Main	Back Small	31	C
Main	Playground	915	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/07/2023

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!

Hollie Brazas, Program Official

Date

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Date



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed to be secured:

Room 6:
brown shelf

Room 7:
bookshelf in the middle of the room

Room 8:
blue house under television
white shelf by the kitchen

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Recited on 9/7/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the ventilation in Room 6/7 restroom was not in working order and will need to be checked.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2023

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****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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

Room 4:

adult stapler and scissors in an unlocked drawer

Baby wipes in the cubbies outside Room 4 that were accessible to children in care

Room 6:

-adult stapler and scissors in an unlocked drawer

Room 8:

adult scissors and glue gun and tacks within an unlocked drawer at the sink area

Room 9:

adult scissors, stapler, stapler remove, tacks and white out within an unlocked drawer on the sink station
staff bogg bag on the floor next to the sink area
rubber gloves and baby wipes on the bottom of the diapering station
fan on shelf within reach

Room 3 A/B:

vacuum

- adult scissors, staplers in an unlocked drawer

-staff purse under the computer station

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: 9/7/2023

Recited on 9/7/2023

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 fencing behind the swings on the right side playground did not meet the four foot height requirement in that it measured to be approximately to be three feet high.

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: 9/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilient. It was determined based on observation on the back playground resilient surfacing around the sliding equipment measured approximately one inch when six inches were required. It was further determined that grass was observed to be growing through the mulch in the right side and back playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resilient.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2023

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 on the back playground the concrete was not flush posing a tripping hazard. It was further determined that the grass was in need of being cut around the fencing. It was further determined that a water hose was accessible on the covered porch area of the back playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Recited on 9/7/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(6) requires cCenter sStaff to keep any items which might harm a child out of a child's reach. It was determined based on observation that in Room 8 rubber gloves and baby wipes were accessible to children in care on the diapering station. It was further determined that in Room 9 baby wipes were accessible on the diaper station.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any harmful item and provide instruction to staff. that includes identification and storage of hazardous items and procedures for keeping classrooms and other children's areas free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.17(7) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.17(8) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that ibuprofen and an unlabeled bottle of medication were accessible to children in care in Room 9 in an unlocked drawer at the sink area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Recited on 9/7/2023

Organization

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.16(f) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 on August 25, 2023 and September 1, 2023 no returns times to the center were listed on the transportation logs when the buses returned from Pike County Pre-K School and Pike County Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Citation corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that mats did not meet the rule requirement in that mats were not two inches thick.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.09(1)(c) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.24(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.33(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.33(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.