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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/26/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-37985

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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.
05/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/05/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/29/2021	Complaint Investigation 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	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Free Play
Main	B		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	G - Pre-K	GA PreK	1	8	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H - Pre-K	GA PreK	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 63					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left Side	44	C
Main	B - Left Back	26	C
Main	C	44	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/26/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Rose Redding, Program Official

Date

Princess Walton, Consultant

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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) Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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) Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Not Met****Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.29(3) requires the Director or designated person-in-charge to report or cause to be reported to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center; any situation when a child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a child who is left on a vehicle, a child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open). It was determined based on an investigation that on November 12, 2021, a four-year-old child received professional medical attention as result of falling while playing on the playground. The incident was not reported to the Department within 24 hours as required

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a procedure so everyone knows how and when to report these incidents to the Department and will follow-up to make sure they are reported as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2022

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The center director stated that the center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2020

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/24/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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 **Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on consultant review of staff files that center did not provide CPR and first-aid training for the director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****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 staff files that the director did not have the required 4 hours of nutrition training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2022

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. - Ensure that lead teachers have education credentials.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2022

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)**Met****Comment**

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