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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.
02/03/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2024	Initial 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
Building 1	2nd back Two's	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Building 1	Front 1st Right Preschool		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Building 1	Middle Hall 2nd Left 3 yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
New Building	1st Left- Office		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
New Building	1st Right	GA PreK	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
New Building	2nd Left(4-5 year olds)	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
New Building	2nd Right (Elementary Room)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
New Building	School Age PG	39	C
New Building	Toddler PG	56	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	2	4	14	22	2	24

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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.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@decga.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:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the television in the 2nd right room in the new building is secure on the desk.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that the window in the two-year-old's bathroom is screened and opens for ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 observations that:

* Clorox wipes were on the counter by the sink, a hole puncher and a stapler were in an unlocked drawer, a teacher's purse and a bottle of febreze were on the floor in the left back corner of room 1st Right in the New Building.

* Jergens body lotion on a low shelf, glade air freshener plug-ins, push pins and a hole puncher in an unlocked drawer of the teacher's desk in room 2nd right (Elementary Room) in the new building.

* Stapler on teacher's desk in room 2nd left of the new building.

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: 2/3/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2024

Corrected on 2/3/2025

.25(4) - Citation for ventilation was entered under an incorrect rule. Correcting here and entering under the correct rule form for diapering ventilation.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2024

Corrected on 2/3/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation was corrected as it was no gaps more than 3 1/2 inches observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed that the lattice fence is not approved fencing material. The program is using it for outside fencing on the School Age Playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2024

Corrected on 2/3/2025

.26(6) - Previous citation was corrected as the Consultant observed the equipment in good repair with no chipping paint.

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 resilience. It was determined based on observation and measurements that on the School age Playground:

* The mulch in the fall zones of the five-foot high slide measured approximately one inch when at least three were required. Additionally, there were exposed tree roots under the slide exit.

* The mulch in the fall zone of the four-foot high slide measured approximately one inch when at least three were required.

* The mulch under the climbing pole on the slide structure measured approximately one inch when at least three were required.

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 resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2025

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(6) - Discussed that at least a two-compartment sink is needed in the kitchen.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observations that there were no working exhausts in the two-year old room and in the Infant room. There were windows that were not measured and not opening and did not have screens.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that there was no diapering table in the two-year-old room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained regarding specifically where to change diapers and clothing in each room housing children who are wearing diapers.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the Infant Room that was labeled Not in Use at the Initial Licensing was in use with children present. Additionally the two-year-old room was moved from the licensed space into another space that was not measured. Additionally, the Playgrounds need to be re-measured as the capacities appear to be inaccurate in the system. An Amendment to Add Rooms/Playgrounds need to be submitted to the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13(7) - Please ensure that each child on a field trip has on their person their name, and the Center's name, address and telephone number.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

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

Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all 12 passenger van license plate # TGH7722 used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that there are no tears in the car seats.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on interview and observation that there were no full size booster seats used in the 12 passenger 1996 Econoline Clubwagon used for transportation. There were no head rests in the vehicle and only full size booster seats are to be used. The Director stated that the children transported were ages five and up. Per GA Law children younger than eight years of age and up to 57 inches of height need to be in a car seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Please ensure that mattress sheets do not touch when stored.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Staff Records

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 **Met**

Comment

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

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

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Comment

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

Comment

591-1-1-.33(4) - Please ensure that the cook and the Director have Nutrition training within 12 months of hire.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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) **Met**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.