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Date: 3/26/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-903

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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.
03/26/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/30/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/18/2023	Incident 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	Room A - First Left Room	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - Second Left	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	29	C	29	C	Nap
Main	Room C - Rear	GA PreK	2	19	C	29	C	29	C	Circle Time
Main	Room D - Third Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	32	C	Nap
Main	Room E - Second Right	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	Room F - First Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room G - Middle Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	22	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 88			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112 Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a plan of improvement follow up.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 user id 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!

Lecretia Barfield, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected in that classroom C (rear), a small blue couch with a rip and exposed foam was removed and in classroom D (third right), a folding black chair with multiple rips and tears and exposed foam was removed. Equipment in the classrooms were observed to be free from hazardous conditions.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that classroom G (middle room) repainted and no peeling or chipped paint was observed on this date. Director stated all classrooms were in the process of being repainted.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Defer

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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 the metal fence door on the toddler playground has a gap measuring approximately three inches wide with exposed sharp edges.

Deferred due to inclement weather.

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: 1/30/2024

Defer

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 swing on the preschool playground had chipped paint and sharp hooks accessible to children.

Deferred due to inclement weather.

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: 2/9/2024

Defer

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 resiliency. It was determined based on observation on the preschool playground, the resilient surface measured approximately three and a half inches under two yellow slides and the climbing stairs.

Deferred due to inclement weather.

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: 2/9/2024

Defer

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 along the sidewalk on the preschool and toddler playground, was exposed concrete and a tripping hazard for children on the playground.

Deferred due to inclement weather and water puddles on the 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: 1/30/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected in that windows were observed to be opened in the classroom E and staff in classroom A and F stated they use windows during diapering. Director stated they are looking into having exhaust installed for all diapering rooms.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation corrected in that after the pinch and pull test on the crib sheets in classroom E, all crib sheets were tight fitted.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Staff member number 21 had a national background check and consultant checked the current background check. Current background check showed comprehensive satisfactory determination by Bright From The Start with an expiration date of January 19, 2029.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024

Corrected on 3/26/2024

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the staff member involved in the incident was terminated and conducted meeting with all staff members to address unacceptable conduct in the work place. Management, also, spoke with all new hires about unacceptable conduct in the work place. Director stated management will continue to monitor staff and their behaviors going forward. Supervision was adequate on this date.