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Date: 2/22/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
02/22/2023	POI Follow Up	Support	
01/23/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/10/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	

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 1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	B 2nd Right		1	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	TV, Not In Use
Main	C 1st Left	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	D 2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	77	C

Comments

A plan of improvement follow-up was conducted on February 22, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/08/2023

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!

Sylvia Atunzu, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(13) requires Center Staff to develop a daily schedule for each group to reflect routines and activities that is flexible but routinely followed to provide structure. The schedule must be posted in each group's room or area and made available to Parent(s) upon request. It was determined based on observation that the daily schedules for each operating classrooms were not followed when children in classrooms 1st Left and 1st Right did not go outside when each schedule indicated a time for outdoor play. It was further determined that lunch was scheduled to begin at 11:05 a.m. but was not served until 12:00 p.m.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.03(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Lesson plans were observed for all operating classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.03(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. Children were observed not to be placed in confining equipment for longer than one-half hour.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.12(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Equipment was observed to be secured.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation that children who were able to sit unassisted in the A 1st right classroom were placed in high chairs. It was further determined that there were only nine chairs available when there were eleven children housed in the A 1st Right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.12(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. Equipment and toys were observed to be age-appropriate on this date.

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.25(11) - This citation was corrected on this date. Floor coverings were observed to be in good condition.

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 there was a staff bag on the diaper changing table in classroom D 2nd Left accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

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 the following fencing hazards were observed:

- The pole was disconnected from the fencing on the right side corner, near the small playground.
- There were bolts alongside the left fence gate that measured over two threads.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

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 that there was a basketball goal missing a net and a back board on the left playground. It was further determined that the swing chain coverings were cracked and not in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

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 there were thorny vines across the back fence of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.15(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Feeding chairs were observed to have safety straps.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023****Corrected on 2/22/2023****.10(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper diapering was observed.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children did not wash hands after eating lunch in classroom D 2nd Left. It was further determined that children did not wash hand upon arrival in classroom C 1st Left.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023**Recited on 2/22/2023**

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**Corrected on 2/22/2023****.17(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper hand washing was observed for staff on this date.**

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****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 there was a bottle of Children's Sudafed PE in a child's bag in classroom D 2nd Left accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2023

.36(4)(f)1. - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper restraints were observed on the centers transportation vehicle.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that one of four crib sheets were not tight fitting in classroom A 1st Right. It was further determined that one of four crib sheets was torn and had a hole in it.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Recited on 2/22/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation was deferred. Annual training will be reviewed for staff in 2024.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that there were one-year-old children, two-year-old children, and three-year-old children being housed in the same classroom when it was not the first or last hour of the day.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a staff member left classroom A 1st Right to open the front door for parents who were dropping off. The staff member was observed to leave the classroom twice for a brief moment to unlock the center door.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023