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Date: 1/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
1	Large room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	15	C	21	C	Breakfast,Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 18			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 15		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 18			Building @25 capacity limited by Centers Request		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Outside	24	C

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/19/2023

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.decal.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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Tracy Green, Program Official Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant Date

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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
A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Child # 1 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 2 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 5 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 5	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing for children's records submitted for the administrative review:
-two of five did not have parents work information
-two of five did not have if the child had any allergies
-two of five did not have if the child was on any medications or had any special conditions
-one of five did not have the address of the release person

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Recited on 1/19/2023

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) **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 the following hazards were accessible and within reach of children:
under and unlocked diapering station baby wipes and lysol wipes were accessible
-on the shelf near the entrance door: lysol, lysol wipes, and hand sanitizer
-vaccum, swiffer sweeper and lysol wipes and lysol on the shelf in the restroom.
-lysol, cleaning solution, and lysol wipes in the unlocked cabinet located at the botoom of the diapering 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: 1/19/2023

Recited on 1/19/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined the following items were in need of repair:
-white paint behind the restroom toilets
-door frame leading to the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Recited on 1/19/2023

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 right side fencing near the gate did not meet the four feet requirement in that approximately three feet was measured.

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: 1/19/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that the red metal air plane and multi colored climber was not anchored.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Recited on 1/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2022

Corrected on 1/19/2023
.26(8) - Citation corrected.

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 that the multicolor climber had an inadequate fall zone in that approximately three feet was between the climber and the fence and not the required four feet.

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: 1/29/2023

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 the the following hazards were present on the playground:
pine cones
two brooms
mop
carpet that was not flush on concrete posing a tripping hazard
limbs

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: 1/19/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that food outside the original container is labeled as to the contents.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad was porous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that provider did not have a lockdown drill for the 2022 year..

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 1/19/2023
.33(4) - Citation corrected as the director is now doing the cooking.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2022

Corrected on 1/19/2023
.33(5) - Citation corrected.

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) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(3) requires a Center with a licensed capacity of 18 or fewer children to maintain Staff-child ratios in mixed-age groups of children under three years old based on the age of the youngest child under three years of age. Where all of the children in any one group are three years of age or older, the age of the majority of the children in the group shall determine the Staff: child ratios . It was determined based on observation that upon arrival to the center on staff member was within the center with 15 children ranging in ages of one-year-old to four-year-old and the other staff member was observed to walk through the side door from outside. A ratio of one staff member to eight children should have been maintained.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will determine and maintain Staff: child ratios as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2022

Corrected on 1/19/2023
.32(7) - Citation corrected.