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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.
11/01/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/02/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
09/21/2022	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
Main	1st Left		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	2nd Left	GA PreK	1	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Right - EHS1		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right - EHS2	One Year Olds	2	9	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Right - B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right A	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers, Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K and School-Age	105	C
Main	Toddler	31	C
Main	Two's and Three's	18	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/01/2023

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.al.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jasmine Brown, Program Official

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the two red vinyl chairs in the 3rd Right Classroom were torn at the arms on this date. It was further determined that the vinyl red cube in the library center in the 4th Right A Classroom was torn at the corners.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2023

Recited on 11/1/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

Corrected on 11/1/2023

.08(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Director stated that the center is in 100 percent compliance with the Georgia Department of Public Health's school required immunization law.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based upon observation that the 2nd Right- EHS2 Classroom housed nine one-year-olds when it was licensed for only eight children upon the Consultant's arrival.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity. Staff did separate children into two different spaces upon the Consultant's second walk through.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 based upon observation that the following building repairs were needed on this date:

2nd Left Classroom:

- The first sink used for hand washing was rusted.
- The floors were stained and dirty throughout.
- The air conditioning unit was pulling from the wall in the middle section.

2nd Right EHS2:

- The door leading into the 2nd Right EHS1 had a hole that measured six by six and one half inches.

3rd Right:

- The two sinks used for hand washing were dirty on the cabinet.
- The baseboard was peeling from the wall under the air conditioning unit and in the kitchen center.
- The floor tile in the kitchen center was missing a section.
- The floors were stained and dirty throughout.

4th Right:

- The floor at the sinks used for hand washing was dirty.

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: 12/6/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 upon observation that the following areas of fencing needed repairs:

Pre-K and School-Age Playground:

- Three out of five sections of fencing surrounding air conditioning units had protruding sections of chain link fencing.
- The chain link fencing was rusted on the left side fence and back fence.
- The middle section of the back fencing measured at three feet nine inches when four feet was required.

Toddler Playground:

- The chain link fencing was rusted at the middle of the right side fence.
- The chain link fencing was peeling paint at the back of the right side fence and middle and right side of the back fence.

-Two's and Three's Playground:

- The chain link fencing was rusted on the front of the left side fence.

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: 12/6/2023

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 upon observation that the following playground equipment hazards were accessible to children:

Pre-K and School-Age Playground:

- The seat on the black and red tricycle was cracked.
- The steps and first and second platforms on the yellow and red large play equipment were peeling the outer coating with exposed metal.
- The PVC border surrounding the yellow and red large play equipment was separated at the back middle section.

Toddler Playground:

- There were five railroad spikes protruding along the PVC barrier.
- There was a four inch drop from the concrete to the ground where the ground was not flush with the concrete.

-Two's and Three's Playground:

- The wooden barrier at the left side of the playground had splintered wood and a protruding nail.

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: 11/29/2023

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 upon observation that the following playground hazards were accessible to children:

Pre-K and School-Age Playground:

- The bushes on the left side of the playground had limbs growing through the fence protruding into the playground.
- There were thorny vines at the back left section near the fencing of the playground.

-Two's and Three's Playground:

- The bushes on the right side of the playground had limbs growing through the fence protruding into 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: 11/29/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based upon observation that the vehicle used for transportation (tag #DGL 984) had torn seats on the bench of the second left and third left row of seats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022

Corrected on 11/1/2023

.36(7)(b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed emergency medical transportation documentation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.