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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/30/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
03/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/22/2024	Complaint 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	A: 2L (inside L)	One Year Olds	1	3	C	4	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B: 2L (inside R)	Infants	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	C: 4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: Middle	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E: 2R	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F: 3R	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G: 4R	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Gym		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	H: 3rd Middle	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 92

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infants/Toddlers	38	C
Main	C: Left Back	116	C

Comments

A plan of improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by May 14, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/14/2024

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 at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Corrected on 4/30/2024

.12(4) - Citation corrected.

Facility

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The blines in the Cafeteria need to be replaced and the rooms fully cleaned by May 3, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

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 that the following items were accessible to children in care.

Room D:

- There were rubber gloves located on the sink and posed a suffocation hazard.
- Plastic bags were located under the diapering station and posed a suffocation hazard.

Room G:

- Rubber gloves, disinfecting wipes, and a first aid kit were placed on a shelf and within reach of children.
- A vacuum, broom, and dust pan were placed in the restroom and accessible to children.

Room H:

- A first aid kit located on a shelf by the door leading to the playground was accessible to children.
- A toilet brush located in the restroom was accessible to children.

Cafeteria:

- Rubber gloves were accessible to children and posed a suffocation hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Recited on 4/30/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Corrected on 4/30/2024

.15(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Corrected on 4/30/2024

.18(8) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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 a child entered Room A and was not required to wash their hands.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Recited on 4/30/2024

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed an amendment needs to be submitted by May 3, 2024 to add the first left room to the licensing capacity.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillight, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshield and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the van ending in tag 9722 and 9723 did not have the facility address nor odometer reading listed on the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Recited on 4/30/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of record that the following information was missing from emergency medical forms.

- Fifteen of 43 emergency medical forms did not list the medical facility nor the address.
- Twelve of 43 emergency medical forms did not have the parent's work number.
- Seven of 43 emergency medical forms did not have the doctor's name and number.
- One of 43 emergency medical forms did not have an emergency contact listed.
- eight of 43 emergency medical forms not have the father's information.
- Two of 43 emergency medical forms did not have the home number listed.
- Five of 43 emergency medical forms did not list allergies.
- Five of 43 emergency medical forms did not list whether the child was on any medication.
- Four of 43 emergency medical forms did not list any special conditions.
- Six of 43 emergency medical forms did not have an emergency medical forms on file.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Recited on 4/30/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that a bassinet was present and had been in use instead of a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards in the 1st Left Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

.33(2) - Citation corrected.

Corrected on 4/30/2024

Defer

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2024

Not Met

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have a qualified lead teacher for eight of eight classrooms and no professional development plans were on file.

Recited on 4/30/2024

Staffing and Supervision

Met

Corrected on 4/30/2024

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024