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Date: 12/12/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-37782

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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.
12/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Outside
Main	B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 24					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	20	C
Main	B	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	6	7	9	3	0	19

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(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) N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the carpet in Main A Three Year Old And Four Year Old classroom, had duct tape present throughout the classroom floor and the floor was not smooth, washable or cleanable as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary. The sharp tile will be covered until it can be replaced. The Director will send the visit to the landlord and will obtain a firm date as to when the flooring can be replaced.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

Recited on 12/12/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.25(3) - Previous citations corrected. The consultant did not observe hazards accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please secure the area to ensure the area is made safe and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.26(4) - Previous citations corrected. Consultant observed that the playground fence is in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected. based on observation in that the playground were free of hazards on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the laundry wall vent and the chipped paint located on the left side of the wall near the entrance/exit of the playground leading into the building is maintained in good state of repair.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.15(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during the visit, in that based on review of records, the menu met the USDA guidelines as required.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the small rips at the top of the arm rest on the second and third rows of the vehicle are repaired or replaced.

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Correction Deadline: 12/13/2024**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that the crib sheets are tight - fitting as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2024**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected. The consultant observed completed documentation for criminal records check on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024

Corrected on 12/12/2024

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed current satisfactory Comprehension Records Check for all staff on this date.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.