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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/13/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 11:35 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/30/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/01/2021	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
Modular	Modular-School age		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Single	A/1R 36 months-school age		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Single	B/1L-5 yrs & up		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Single	C/Back L-Infants		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Single	D/Back Middle-24 months-36 months	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 6		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG A	105	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2022

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

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!**

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)

Sean Jordan, Program Official	Date	April Brown, Consultant	Date

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over as required. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the fish tank in Classroom D is secured as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities at this time. There was no pool on the property on this date.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records — Met

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) — Met

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

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 were not in good repair in the children's bathroom used by Classroom D:
* The light was not working, the black baseboards were not completely attached to the wall surrounding the toilets and a toilet was not operable in the boy's bathroom.
* The ceiling tile was buckled and the black baseboards were not completely attached to the wall surrounding the toilets in the girl's bathroom.

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: 6/27/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) — Not Met

Comment
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute throughout all fall zone areas.

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 that the fence surrounding the playground area was observed to have vines and vegetation protruding through the fence on the left side and both corner areas of the 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: 6/27/2022

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 that the "O" hooks at the top of the two swings, the "U" hooks and triangular attachments at the bottom of the swing chains and the swing seats were rusted.

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: 6/23/2022

Comment
Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the playground is kept free of hazards, such as but not limited to gum balls throughout the playground areas.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2022

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Comment
The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time per the director.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment
Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not participate in field trips at this time per the director.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation at this time per the director.

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. There were no infants currently enrolled.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/06/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 03/01/2016	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 12/06/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/29/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/01/2022	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment
Director provided one file for an employee hired since the last visit which was completed on November 30, 2021.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure first aid and cpr is hands on and in person as required.

Technical Assistance
Please ensure the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done in person and hands on by a certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure First Aid and CPR is hands on and in person as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

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

Comment
Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2021 for half of the staff members on this date.

Comment
Consultant discussed with the director the requirements of the 10 Hour health and safety training.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Comment
Consultant discussed with the director to ensure each staff member with direct care responsibilities complete the 10 hour health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. Consultant discussed with the director the requirements of the 10 Hour health and safety training and emailed FAQ.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Comment
The director completed the four hour nutrition training June 15, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: 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.