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Date: 1/3/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/03/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/14/2023	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
Main	A 1st Rm-Infront Hallway	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B Lt Rm Rt Side	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C Lt Rm-Lt Side	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers,Music
Main	D Rt Right Hall	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK	2	27	C	48	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E Rt Rm-Lt Side	Three Year Olds	3	17	C	38	C	NA	NA	Music
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 75		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG 2 year	98	C
Main	PG Infant	41	C
Main	PG-3/4 years	86	C

Comments
Licensing study completed on January 3, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/03/2024

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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

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!

Jefflyn Brannon, Program Official 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-.03 Activities **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.03(2) - Please monitor the classrooms to ensure current lesson plans are available.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Corrected on 1/3/2024
.12(1) - Correction observed on this date. Feeding tables were removed from the classroom.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Corrected on 1/3/2024
.35(2) - Correction observed on this date. The gate was locked.

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 — Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.06(6) requires Center Staff to equip bathrooms with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings. It was determined based on observation that in classroom E there was no soap available in the restroom or the classroom sink.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide all required supplies and will train and monitor Staff to ensure that supplies are available in bathrooms. Cloth towels will be used only once between laundering. Teachers replaced the soap.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

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

Comment
Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 hazards were present in the following classrooms:
Classroom D
A screw driver, hole puncher and trash bags were in unlocked plastic drawers accessible to children.
Classroom E
"Tidy Cats" cat liter was in the floor by the entrance door.
The teacher table and storage drawers had "Pampers" hand wipes, adult scissors and staplers accessible to children.
"Pampers" wipes were in a box in the floor accessible to children.

Items had the warning label "Keep out of Reach of Children"

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: 1/5/2024

Recited on 1/3/2024

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 on observation that the following classrooms needed repairs to be completed.
Classroom D
One ceiling light was not working.
Multiple ceiling tiles were stained.
Classroom needed a thorough cleaning (walls, floors, ceiling, window sills, child sized chairs, cabinets).
Classroom needed to be decluttered as there were items stacked on top of cubbies, shelves, window sills and storage cabinets.
Bathroom 1 the baseboard was not completely attached on the left side.
Bathroom 2 had a strong urine smell and the light fixture was missing.
Classroom E
One ceiling light was not working.
Multiple ceiling tiles were stained.
Classroom needed a thorough cleaning (walls, floors, ceiling, window sills, child sized chairs, cabinets).

Kitchen- two lights were not working.

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: 1/17/2024

Recited on 1/3/2024

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Corrected on 1/3/2024
.25(8) - Correction observed on this date. Cords were secured.

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 following metal fencing needed repair:
Left side playground
The front gate had exposed sharp metal pieces at the bottom accessible to children.
There was a gap between the two gates measuring four inches width by sixty inches posing an entrapment hazard.
Right side playground
There was a gap between the two gates measuring four inches width by sixty inches posing an entrapment hazard.
The front and right side fencing had sharp metal pieces exposed at the bottom accessible to children.
The front and right side fencing was leaning and needed to be secured correctly.

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: 1/17/2024

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(9) - Please continue to monitor the playgrounds for broken toys and remove immediately when observed.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

Food Service

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

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.18(7) requires each Center to have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined based on observation that the following items needed cleaning in the kitchen:
The last refrigerator.
The cabinets need wiping out.
Behind and beside the refrigerators and freezers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will designate an area for the storage of these items, will thoroughly clean the space, if needed, develop and implement a plan to train Staff, as needed, and inspect the storage area daily.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment
Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Comment
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.27 - Consultant reviewed with the director the requirements for posted notices as follows: requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. Consultant left a copy of the required posted notices with the director.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

Safety

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) **Not Met**

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields 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 two vehicles ending in tag number 4807 and 3007 did not have current annual safety check available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms had mats worn with exposed foam.
D had 9 of 24.
E had 16 of 25.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Recited on 1/3/2024

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided 9 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to 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 by 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. It was determined based on a review of records that 4 of 18 staff had current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid when 9 staff were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024

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.