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Date: 12/11/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:10 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

CCLC-3197

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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.
12/11/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/27/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
10/28/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	One Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers,Transitioning,Breakfast
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Centers,Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning,Breakfast,Clean Up
Main	E - Assembly Room		0	0	C	57	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	5	C
Main	Playground - One	116	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	6	11	8	4	0	14

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. A staff member stated medication is administered, no field trips, no routine transportation, or swimming activities are provided. There is a total of thirteen staff.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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:

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@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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed current lesson plans in all classrooms in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(1) - Reminder to ensure that one of six safety straps on the small grey buggy and one of six straps on the red buggy are fixed in accordance to the manufacturer recommendations. Center staff stated the two seats are not being utilized until the safety straps are fixed.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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. The consultant observed nineteen children to be present on this day.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 and pictures taken that the following hazards were present:

- * One red bench seat located in the three and four-year-old classroom has a four and a half inch tear exposing foam cushion and frayed thread.

- * One red sofa located in the two-year-old classroom has frayed red tape on the bottom cushion, left and right arm rest.

- * One blue sofa located in the one-year-old classroom has one small tear on the bottom cushion on the left side and one small tear on the bottom cushion on the right side. Additionally, there is four small spots that the covering has peeled away on the left arm rest, and five small spots that the covering has peeled away on the right arm rest, exposing frayed white thread and foam.

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: 12/23/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(6)-The previous citation is deferred to the next visit. The consultant made four attempts during this visit to access the playground and was unable to do so due to inclement weather.

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: 6/8/2024

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

The consultant observed a current menu to be posted through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

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
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Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

The consultant observed a thoroughly documented fire and tornado drill log.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Please make sure that the current communicable disease chart is posted which includes COVID.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The infant staff member stated infant crib sheets are changed daily and as needed through out the day.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful obtaining CPR and First Aid within 90 days of hire (Staff # 6, 7, and 11).

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates (Staff 2 and 12).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - The center director will ensure that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules (Staff # 2).

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.31(2)(b)3.(i) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.31(2)(b)3.(iii) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.