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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.
01/09/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/04/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
10/10/2023	Incident 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- 1L	Infants	1	6	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- 2L		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 3L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	D- 4L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- Back Cafe	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- Back 1L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- Back 2L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	H- Back 3L		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	I- 4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J- 3R		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	K- 2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	L- 1R	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 1L	30	C
Main	B- Back Left	238	C
Main	C- Middle	25	C
Main	D- Right	73	C

Comments

Reminders: Refer to the published communicable disease chart for guidance regarding communicable diseases. In most scenarios, only outbreaks/clusters should be reported to the local health districts.

Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health, if there are any outbreaks/clusters of positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Please be sure to also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all individual cases of communicable diseases within 24 hours. Be sure to select "Notifiable Communicable Diseases" to report closures for COVID cases.

You must be sure to enter all temporary closures by 8 a.m. (vacation, emergencies, school closures, holidays etc...) in DECAL KOALA at all times under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily because you are not caring for children for one day or more. Please be sure to SAVE the report prior to exiting.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA effective August 2, 2021.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.

Please ensure that director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment.

For centers conducting or planning on conducting transportation, please remember that the transportation training certificates must be completed prior to participating in transportation and renewed every two years for anyone checking the vehicle, chaperoning on a trip, and signing the checklist, including the director. Please ensure that directors ensure that they also complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center. Please ensure to contact your consultant for guidance if you have not been conducting transportation and plan on conducting transportation.

**Beginning January 1, 2024, there is a free Transportation Training available on OLLI as ProSolutions will no longer offer the class for free. Also, you will be able to find the Health and Safety Orientation Training, which will be 18 hours, for free as well.

Share information regarding the indicator manual.

Email updated Transportation forms including sample as of October 1, 2023, to begin using immediately.

Discussed regarding ensuring to complete rechecks for Criminal Records checks before expiration.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/09/2024

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.dec.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Don McDaniel, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the items were removed. Please ensure that hazardous items are kept inaccessible to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the items were observed to be cleaned and repaired. Please ensure that the repairs are made as quickly as possible.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the fence was repaired. Please ensure that the fence does not have any hazards at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the panels were observed to be replaced and the drain was attached. Please ensure that the panels are always in place and the drain is attached.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.15(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that cheese was removed from the menu. Please ensure that all items on the menu is appropriate for the ages being served.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.18(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the thermostat was observed to be zero degrees. Please ensure that the temperatures in the fridge and freezer are the appropriate temperatures.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the seat buckle was repaired and the seat belt was repaired with tape. Please ensure that the seat belts and seat buckles are in good repair at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the pick-up and delivery times were recorded on the parental authorization for children being transported during the weeks of December 11 and January 2, 2024. Please ensure that all children being transported have the times recorded on their parent authorization forms.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the driver recorded when the children entered and exited the vehicle. Please ensure that the driver is recording whenever the children enter and exit the vehicle at all times during transportation.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.09(1)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that a current records check was observed to be completed. Please ensure that the records checks are completed for all individuals present at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the records check was observed to be completed. Please ensure that staff complete their records checks include rechecks before being present at the facility.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/9/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that appropriate supervision including during meal times were observed. Please ensure that staff are supervising the children at all times including at meal times.