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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/24/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/24/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
04/20/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
04/19/2022	Complaint Closure	Support

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	1L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1R	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L Pre-K		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3L	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4L	Six Year Olds and Over	2	24	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	5R	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6R	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 106		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A 6Wk-24 Mo	23	C
Main	B- Preschool	42	C
Main	C-School Age	34	C

Comments
An in-person visit was conducted on May 24, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/24/2022

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

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!**

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)

Tonya Porter, Program Official Date

LaTanya Barber-Swift, Consultant Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards which could pose a hazard to the children were observed:
-Classroom 4R, the handles were missing on the cabinet door located in the housekeeping area. The sink bowl was cracked in the housekeeping area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Recited on 5/24/2022

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.25(13) - The previous citations were corrected on this date. The hazards were no longer accessible in the classrooms.

Finding
591-1-1-.25(15) requires that any outside storage or equipment area be locked, separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure, and shall not be accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the toy storage cabinets located on the Preschool playground did not have lids which could pose a hazard to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center Staff will routinely check outside storage or equipment areas to ensure they are locked or otherwise inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Recited on 5/24/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The fence was repaired.

Finding
591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the water hose was exposed on the Preschool playground which could pose a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined based on observation that a rug, broken table, and towels were disposed of on the Preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Recited on 5/24/2022

Safety

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

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.11(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were appropriate disciplinary actions in place.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2021

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The staff were not engaged in overt conduct at the Center.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on bus AZE6537, the passenger seats and passenger arm rests had exposed foam which could pose a hazard to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Recited on 5/24/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.30(1)(b) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The required cots and mats were provided for the children to take a nap.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 5/24/2022
.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was adequate supervision observed on this date.