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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/04/2023	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/13/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/06/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Building 1	C		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning, Centers
Building 1	E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	F	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time
Building 1	Room A	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			109		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		137			
Building	back left 2/gym		0	0	C	7	C	10	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			7		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		137			
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		116		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		137	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Infant/Toddler	54	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on April 4, 2023 with the Director Kymille Hill. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2023

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 user id 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Kymille Hill, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Regional Consultant

Date



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on a review of records that classroom D did not have a current lesson plan on site on this date. It was determined based on a review of records that classroom F did not have a current lesson plan on site on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the Director removing broken toys in classroom D.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that a television was observed unsecured and wobbly on top of the back shelf near the girl's restroom in classroom E. It was further determined that a computer screen was observed unsecured and wobbly on top of the cubby in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) Consultant discussed with the Director that a bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2023

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

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 the following hazards were observed:

Classroom E

- Toilet cleaning brush observed in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the girls restroom.
- Toilet cleaning brush observed in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the boys restroom.
- Air Freshner observed on top of the sink in the girls restroom.
- Broom and dust pan stored next to the computer table.

Classroom F

- Five plastic grocery bags observed in the cubbies.

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: 4/5/2023

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 hazards were observed:

Classroom C

Damaged ceiling tiles observed in the restroom in classroom C

Classroom D

- Peeling paint on the wall in the dramatic area.
- A cracked floor tile in the restroom area in classroom D.

Classroom E

- Damaged ceiling tile in classroom E next to the white cabinet.

Classroom F

- Damaged ceiling tiles were observed in classroom F next to the white cabinets and above the right window.
- Peeling paint observed on the block area wall.
- Broken restroom door.

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: 4/18/2023

Recited on 4/4/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(10) - Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center must be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(14) requires the Center to be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. Not all rooms were appropriately illuminated when. It was determined based on observation that there were two lights not working in classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure that appropriate lighting is provided, the center will replace all non-working light bulbs.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2023

Recited on 4/4/2023

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Corrected on 4/4/2023

.26(4) - Citation corrected. Fence observed enclosed.

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 based on observation that chipped paint was observed throughout the large red, blue, and brown playground structure. It was further determined based on observation that chipped paint was observed on the blue car structure.

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: 4/18/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the Director removing sticks and small tree limbs from both playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) Consultant discussed with the Director that the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that pain relieving cleaning spray was observed on the top of the back cubby near the exit door in classroom F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.22 - Consultant discussed with the Director permitting the custodial Parent(s) of the child access to all child care areas of the Center at any time the child is in attendance.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Corrected on 4/4/2023

.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected. Transportation documentation observed complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director storing cots to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023****Corrected on 4/4/2023****.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected. Criminal records checks complete.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Consultant discussed with the Director that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with the Director adding antibacterial ointment and protective eye wear to the first aid kit.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #3 did not have the minimum academic requirements for the lead caregivers position.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

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****Correction Deadline: 2/13/2023****Corrected on 4/4/2023****.32(7) - Citation corrected. Adequate supervision observed.**