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Date: 9/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:50 AM **Departure:** 9:40 AM

CCLC-25658
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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/20/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	1st Back Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	40	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Back Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Left	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	1st Front Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Back Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	2nd Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Front Right		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Far Back Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	29	C	NA	NA	Music

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 47 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Small	22	C
Main	Large-Play	47	C

Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/14/2022

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

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.

<u>Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients.</u> 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 CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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!**

Yvonne Jones, Program Official	Date	Kaycee Purvis, Consultant	Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.12(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be free from hazardous conditions on this date.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed children's files on this date.

Evening Care

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

Comment
No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms — Not Met

Finding
591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the 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. It was determined based upon observation that the exhaust fan was not working in the first bathroom in the Second Back Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

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 upon observation that that following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:
First Back Left Classroom:
• A bottle of Xtra Care Hand Sanitizer was on a low shelf.

Middle Classroom:
•A bottle of Purell Hand Sanitizer was on a low shelf.
•A bottle of Gold Bond Ultimate Radiance Renewal Cream was on a low shelf.
•A bottle of Azelastine HCI nasal solution was on a low shelf.

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: 9/14/2022

Recited on 9/14/2022

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 upon observation that the light fixture cover was missing in the first bathroom in the First Front Left Classroom and in the first bathroom in the Second Back Left Classroom.

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: 9/23/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.25(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed doors to rooms not approved for child care to be locked on this date.

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 upon observation that the left side wooden gate on the Large-Play playground had a five inch gap from the ground to the fence. It was further determined that the right side of the back wooden fence had a four and one half inch gap from the ground to the fence on the Large-Play playground. It was also determined that that the back of the left side wooden fence had a six inch gap from the ground to the fence on the Large-Play playground. It was further determined that middle of the back wooden fence on the A-Small playground had a three and one half inch gap from the ground to the fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Consultant and Director discussed adding a construction mesh fence barrier until the fence is repaired permanently.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Recited on 9/14/2022

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 upon observation that there were four large metal bolts on the ground under the main play equipment on the A-Small 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: 9/14/2022

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.15(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the weekly menu.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed children to wash hands on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed staff to wash their hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based upon a review of records that the center failed to conduct fire drills during the months of March 2022, April 2022, May 2022, June 2022, July 2022, and August 2022. It was further determined that the center failed to conduct tornado and lockdown drills every six months in 2022 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Recited on 9/14/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2022

Corrected on 9/14/2022
.21(p) - Correction if previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of the center's written plan for handling emergencies.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #11 (hired June 6, 2022) and Staff #13 (hired May 23, 2022) did not have evidence of health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Defer
591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation deferred. Due date not approached.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

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.