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Date: 10/28/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-49908

Treasures of Love Childcare

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
10/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/03/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/23/2024	Licensing Study	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 Left	Infants and One Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story
Main	B Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			
Suite E	D- Infants		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Suite I	C		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	32	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	4	4	8	5	0	23

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/28/2024

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



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that lesson plans posted are current and up to date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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 equipment and furniture hazards were observed on this date:

Main B Right

- The red chair within the Library Area had a small tear with exposed foam located on the right arm rest.

Suite I: C

- The red couch located in the back right side of the classroom had a small tear with exposed foam on the left arm rest. The seating area on the right side of the couch was torn away from the bottom portion of the inside of the right arm rest with an exposed staple which caused a potential scratching hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2024

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 the following equipment and furniture hazards were observed on this date:

Main A Left

- Two sets of organizational drawers were stacked and unsecured located to the right of the hand washing sink which caused a potential tipping hazard.

Main B Right

- Two high chairs were on top of the Dramatic Play storage rack which caused a potential falling hazard.
- An easel was sitting against the wall in the closed position on the back right wall which caused a potential falling hazard.

Suite E: D – Infants

- Two sets of organizational drawers were stacked and unsecured located next to the diaper changing station which caused a potential tipping hazard.

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: 10/28/2024

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(11) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that pieces of frayed carpeting were trimmed in order to prevent tripping hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2024

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 accessible to children on this date:

Main A Left

- Plastic grocery bags and trash bags were located to the left of the hand washing sink.
- Baby wipes and gloves were accessible on the diaper changing table to the right of the hand washing sink.

Main B Right

- The little blue trash can located on top of the cabinet to the left of the hand washing sink had trash bags stored inside.

Suite E: D – Infants

- Baby wipes, baby wash, diaper cream, and gloves were located on the ends of the diaper changing tables.

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: 10/28/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that basic repairs such as chipping paint, a loose sink fixture, and discolored ceiling tiles are repaired in a timely manner on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

Main A Left

- A loose black cord was located to the right of the Dramatic Play furniture.

Main B Right

- The cord to the television was loose and exposed.
- The bottom outlet located to the right of the television did not have a safety cap.

Suite I: C

- The infant swings had loose and exposed cords.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

Recited on 10/28/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the two bolts located on the backside of the entry gate had cap replacements on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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 the following playground hazards were observed on this date:

Main Playground A

- The two teal see-saws had broken and missing handles.
- The blue and tan playhouse's sink and door were disconnected from the play structure which caused a potential tripping hazard.
- The fire truck was placed on its side and not accessible to children.
- Four green children's chairs located under the canopy had rusty legs.

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: 11/29/2024

Recited on 10/28/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 10/28/2024

.26(9) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the canopy is repaired on this date.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - The Consultant discussed the Infant Feeding Plan template on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(10) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the kitchen trash can had a lid on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(9) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that vacuum cleaners are moved to an area away from pantry food items on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - The Consultant discussed ensuring that weekly menus posted on the Parent Board are current and up to date.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

N/A

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****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

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-.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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that two staff members cared for children ages infant through four-years-old in the Main A Left classroom after the time other than the first and last hour of operation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.