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Date: 5/10/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/10/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/16/2022	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play,Story
Main	B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 9		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	30	C

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/10/2023

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.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.

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Angie Johnson, Program Official	Date	Brandi Mangino, Consultant	Date

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed securing the kitchen equipment in Room C.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) — **Not Evaluated**

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**

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 the following hazards were observed within reach in Room C on cubbies:
-bleach cleaner
-wipes that pose suffocation hazard
-disinfectant wipes
-adult stapler

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: 5/10/2023

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 items were in needed of being treated or repaired:
-a roach was observed in the kitchen floor
-ventilation fan in Room C restroom was not secure in the ceiling
-ceiling fans in Room and Room C were in needed of being dusted

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: 5/17/2023

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

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the brown rubber piece around the sliding equipment needs to be secured back in place.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

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 equipment was in need of being repaired:
-two of two cozy coupe cars were missing steer wheels
-tricycle was missing one of two handle bars
-brown/green/maroon climber was cracked on the top standing platform and the green climber

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: 5/20/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that infant feeding plans were not current as only one child had a bottle and no listed solid foods, and the others were listed as being provided formula not whole milk as it was stated that was what they were being given. In addition, the infant feeding plan was not the most current plan that parents initaled off on for solid foods.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that two infants were being fed in their carriers and not provided a feeding chair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Not Met**

Comment
Discussed proper steps for dishwashing.

Finding
591-1-1-.18(5) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that one infant bottle was not stored in the refrigerator when it was left in the diaper bag for approximately one hour before being placed in the refrigerator.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed monitoring the ends of the diapering pad.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Handwashing requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **Not Evaluated**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures — **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure a safe sleep policy is signed for all enrolled infants.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.13(2) - Citation corrected, The director stated that the center has not participated in any field trips since the last regulatory visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.36(7)(b) - Citation corrected. The director stated that the center has no participated in any transportation/field trips since the last regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.36(7)(c)3. - Citation corrected. The director stated that the center has no participated in any transportation/field trips since the last regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
Citation corrected, The director stated that the center has not participated in any transportation since the last regulatory visit.

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.30(1)(a)3 - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.30(1)(d) - Citation corrected.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment
Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Correction Deadline: 10/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.14(2) - Citation corrected.

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023
.32(7) - Citation corrected.