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Date: 1/18/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 11:10 AM

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Spalding County Pre-K

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| 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. |
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| 01/18/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 08/07/2023                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 02/22/2023                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 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         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bldg 1                          | A-Right Wing (1st R) | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2                               | 5        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play     |
| Bldg 1                          | B-Right Wing (2nd R) |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |               |
| Bldg 1                          | C-Right Wing (3rd L) | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 5        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time   |
| Bldg 1                          | D-Right Wing (2nd L) | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2                               | 7        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play     |
| Bldg 1                          | F-Left Wing (2nd R)  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 17       | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Bldg 1                          | G-Left Wing (3rd R)  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 13       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers       |
| Bldg 1                          | H-Left Wing (2nd L)  |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           |               |
| Bldg 1                          | I-Left Wing (1st L)  | Four Year Olds                     | 2                               | 17       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153 |                      |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
| Bldg 2                          | J-Classroom #3       | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                               | 2        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play    |
| Bldg 2                          | K-Classroom #2       | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                               | 5        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play     |
| Bldg 2                          | L-Classroom #1       | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                               | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38  |                      |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 79  |                      |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191 |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
|                                 |                      |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground      | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
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| Bldg 1   | Main Playground | 86                      | C                        |

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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](http://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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Ron McNair, Program Official

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)

Met

Comment

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

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 based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Left Wing:

2nd Right: baby wipes on a shelf within reach that posed a suffocation hazard and a staff purse behind the door

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: 1/18/2024

Recited on 1/18/2024

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**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 one infant feeding plan was observed to be missing the parents initials for introduction to solid foods, and one indicated an amount of formula that the child was not longer being fed.

**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: 1/18/2024**

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

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that items were observed to not be in the original container/boxes and were not labeled as to their content.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

**Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>Not Evaluated</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>Not Evaluated</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.