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Date: 5/6/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/22/2022	MV POI Follow Up	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 4-12 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	51	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 2yrs	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 1yr	One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story,Nap
Main	E Infants	Infants	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	38	C
Main	B Infants- 2yrs	14	C

Comments
The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Licensing Visit.

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.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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

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!**

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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
591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the big screen television in room A 4-12 yrs is secured in a way to prevent it from falling or being pushed or pulled.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

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

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that sprays, lotions and other potentially hazardous items are stored inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
The program was in the process of moving to a new location. Only one playground was utilized,. Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26(2) - Discussed Playground capacities and making sure that it was not exceeded.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.18(5) - Please ensure that the freezer temperature does not exceed Zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit and the refrigerator temperature is on or below 40 degrees.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that if diapering pads are used - the surface is smooth with no design on it.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment
Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment
Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment
Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

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

Comment
Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30 - Discussed that if cribs are used for children older than 12 months, they need to be placed 12 inches apart and have firm mattresses that are at least two inches thick.

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Please ensure that all cots have a sheet available.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2022

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.14(1) - Previous citation was corrected as current CPR/First Aid training was observed for all staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 11/11/2022

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.33(3) - Previous citation was corrected as Health and Safety Training certificates were observed for all staff.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2021

Corrected on 5/6/2024
.31(1)(b)2. - Previous citation was corrected as the Director had one of the required credentials.

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.

Comment
Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.