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Date: 8/1/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 2:15 PM

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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.
08/01/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/20/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
Building 2	Pre-K	GA PreK	2	6	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A- Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- Back Left	One Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	C- Front Left	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	90	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to conduct a licensing study and follow up on previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2024

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.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 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.state.ga.us 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the computer monitor in the Pre-K room is secured and cannot be pushed or pulled and potentially fall on a child.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that there are no blank fields on the application.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) -Please ensure that the exhaust fan on the left in the Pre-K classroom is operating as required and pulling the air in.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 the children:

* Room C-Front Left- a bottle of lotion and a large packing tape dispenser on top of the children's cubbies ; a teacher's purse in the dramatic play area accessible to the children, baby wipes marked "Keep Out of Reach of Children" in the bathroom on a low shelf accessible to the children.

* Room Pre-K in Building 2- a staff purse on the floor by the teacher desk, a staff purse on top of the mat storage, a white out, stapler and a box with staples in an unlocked low drawer of the desk, adult scissors on the top of the desk, two boxes with large plastic bags on a low shelf and a bottle with hand sanitizer on top of the cubbies next to the front door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Staff moved the hazards while consultants were in the rooms. 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: 8/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the dust is removed from the exhaust vent in the bathroom of room C-Front Left, the small area with peeling paint on the ceiling in room B-Back Left and the right bathroom in the Pre-K room is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the grass is cut down, the tricycle mary-go-round is repaired and moves as designed, and the plastic play houses are secured and do not wobble.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

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 on observation that there were mushrooms, an ant bed, ivy growing at the bottom of the fence in the back and low tree branches accessible to the children with some kind of fruit growing on them

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that maintenance was coming in the same day to clean the playground and the children were not using the back of the playground where most of the hazards were located. 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: 8/1/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

Comment

Discussed proper steps for dishwashing.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure that the screened window is opened for ventilation during diapering in room B-Back Left.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(8) - Please ensure that staff washes hands before and after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

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-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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)****Met****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.

Comment

There were no Infants present on the day of the visit. Four cribs were inspected for compliance. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Please ensure that Background Checks are ported electronically before staff works with children.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2024

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

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

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

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 on review of records that two staff did not have evidence of Health and Safety Orientation within 90 days of hire.

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: 8/31/2024

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.