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Date: 8/20/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 4:20 PM **Departure:** 8:40 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.
08/20/2024	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
06/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/08/2024	Complaint Closure	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		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	B Middle	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	28	C	15	NC	21	NC	Free Play
Main	C Right		0	0	C	31	C	44	C	
Main	Gym	Six Year Olds and Over	10	130	C	452	C	NA	NA	Outside, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 158			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Building @25 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Outside	57	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	20	0	140

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on August 20, 2024 with the Director Shalika Johnson. Background checks were all reviewed on August 20, 2024. An on-site complaint investigation was conducted on August 20, 2024. Investigative findings were not concluded on August 20, 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.al.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.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(2) allows a Center to designate two specific one hour periods each day when only 25 square feet of space per child is provided for children three years of age and older in their assigned rooms or areas. This provision is intended to account for increased attendance for before-school and after-school care. It was determined based on observation that 28 children were observed in classroom B Middle. The license capacity for this classroom was 21.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that two fans were accessible to children in care in the back left classroom in the gym.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

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 observed:

Gym

- A dolly on the right side wall leading to the playground hallway.

Classroom C Right

- A plastic grocery bag on the table.
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Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

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 hazards were observed:

- A damaged ceiling tile in the hallway between classroom B middle and C Right above the cubbies. .

Classroom C

- A missing piece of the ceiling tile.
- A damaged ceiling tile.

Boys restroom

- A damaged ceiling tile.

Gym

- Torn black cushions on the right and left sides of the restroom wall.
 - Protruding screws and nails on the wooden structure in the back left classroom in the gym.
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Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center must maintain the temperature in the range of 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and to ventilate the Center be ventilated either by mechanical or natural means for the purpose of providing fresh air and controlling unpleasant odors. Facilities which do not have a functioning central heating and air-conditioning system shall make fifty percent (50%) of all required windows operable for ventilation. Any openings used for ventilation shall be screened.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the left side measured at three feet eight inches, when four feet was required. It was further determined based on observation that there was approximately an four inch gap observed between the fence and the gate at the front exit gate on the left side.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

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 a green swing seat on the left side of the playground equipment was broken.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the resilient surface at the green slide on the left side measured at two inches, when six inches was required. It was further determined based on observation that the resilient surface at the swing on the left side measured at one inch, when six inches was required. It was also determined based on observation that the resilient surface at the green slide on the right side measured at one inch, when six inches was required.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Recited on 8/20/2024

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.26(9) - Citation corrected. No hazards observed.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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.

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.11(1) requires that disciplinary actions used to correct a child's behavior, guidance techniques and any activities in which the children participate or observe at the Center shall not be detrimental to the physical or mental health of any child. It was determined based on observation that a staff member was observed yelling at a child to sit down. It was further determined based on observation that a staff member was overheard yelling at a child to get their butt where they were supposed to be.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(11) requires that children not be transported in vehicles, or parts thereof, which are not designed for the purpose of transporting people, such as but not limited to: truck beds, campers or any trailers attached to a motor vehicle. It was determined based on observation that the program used a shuttle bus to transport children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

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- A hole in the back of the seat on the right side.
- A tear on the top of the back seat on the right side.

#XNF684

- A hole in the back of the first seat on the right side.
- A hole in the third seat on the right side.
- Missing piece of the side view mirror on the right side.
- The back seat on the left side was broken and would not fold down.

#SEY9714

- Exposed foam and unraveling tape on the back two seat on the right side.
 - A hole in the back seat on the right side.
 - A protruding metal piece on the back seat on the right side.
 - A missing piece of the side view mirror on left side.
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Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the transportation log was missing three of three check marks to account for children loading or unloading the vehicle on August 16, 2024 Princeton Elementary to Sportz Center Academy.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected. Criminal record checks were observed complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.33(4) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observed the completed nutrition training documentation.

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

Met

Comment

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

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that children were observed leaving the playground to walk into the building without adult supervision. It was further determined that children were observed leaving the gym to walk to the front office for dismissal without adult supervision. It was also determined based on observation that a lack of supervision was observed when staff members were observed sitting at the picnic table on their cell phones not supervising children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024