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Date: 2/14/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 3:00 PM Departure: 5:10 PM

CCLC-13339

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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.
02/14/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support	
02/09/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/06/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Main	A 1R	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B 2R	One Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	D 4R	One Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	E 5R	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	F 6R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G Bk End		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H 4L	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	33	C	NA	NA	Music,Outside
Main	I 3L	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K 1L	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 86		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	68	C
Main	Playground B	145	C
Main	Playground C	60	C
Main	Playground D	17	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to follow up on any previous citations from the visit conducted on December 6, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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/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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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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 hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

Classroom C: 3R- There were three packets of diaper wipes; Kirkland, Pampers, and Fresh Clean stored in an unlock cabinet of the Diaper Changing Station located in the center of the class.

Classroom G Bk End- Five plastic grocery bags stored in children's cubbies in the front left of the classroom. Three plastic grocery bags stored in a blue bin in the second restroom located on the back left rear of classroom

Classroom H: 4L- A toilet brush and plunger stored beside the toilet and a teacher's purse hanging on a hook located in the right rear restroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2024

Recited on 2/14/2024

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/9/2024

Corrected on 2/14/2024

.30(2) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not observe any children in bouncers with fleece blankets on this date.