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Date: 3/6/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-465

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Quality Rated: No

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. 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.
03/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/20/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	First Left	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	First Right	GA PreK	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Fourth Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Second Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	Second Right	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Third Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Third Right	GA PreK	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 113		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	16	C
Main	Middle Back Playground	110	C
Main	Right Playground	62	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted September 20, 2023.

Consultant shared the Decal Scholars website with the Director 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.decga.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Sharon Foster, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Ensure to provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

Ensure all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. Ensure staff clean hand washing sinks in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

Technical Assistance

Ensure that equipment and furniture be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision in 3rd right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Consultant observed parent agreements that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2023

Corrected on 3/6/2024

.06(7) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed restrooms to be clean on this date.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed the center to appear clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

Ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children in the Toddler classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

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

Ensure the playground is 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.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

Food Service

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

Consultant observed center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Director on this date.

Policies and Procedures

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

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

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

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Director on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/2/2023

Corrected on 3/6/2024

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed a positive learning environment and redirection throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. The last annual inspection was conducted on April 17, 2023.

Comment

Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure that cribs and cots are labeled for individual use.

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.

Staff Records

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

Consultant observed criminal record checks to be complete.

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

Consultant observed complete first aid kits in the center and on vehicles.

Comment

Consultant observed evidence of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Ensure that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

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

Consultant discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months with the Director on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed staff to provide direct supervision and attentive to children's needs.