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Date: 4/4/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:35 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

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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. 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.
04/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/07/2023	Incident 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
1st Bldg	A	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack
1st Bldg	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
1st Bldg	C	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	14	C	Outside
1st Bldg	D	One Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
1st Bldg	E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	31	C	Free Play
1st Bldg	F	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	16	C	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
2nd Bldg	G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
2nd Bldg	H		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
2nd Bldg	I	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	34	C	NA	NA	Free Play
2nd Bldg	J	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time
2nd Bldg	K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					
Total # Children this Date: 92		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 311			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1st Bldg	Large	97	C
1st Bldg	Small	26	C

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2024

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jennifer Ogletree, Program Official

Date

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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

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 4/4/2024

Correction of citation in that the speaker was removed. Equipment and toys were secure as required on this date.

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

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair as required. The director reported maintenance was scheduled to complete minor repairs to the center on April 5, 2024 to ensure all classroom walls and baseboards were painted where there was chipped paint present. The tissue holder in Classroom H will be reattached to the wall and cords will be covered in children's bathrooms and ensure one light in the ceiling is replaced in Classroom G. Pictures will be submitted to the Department by COB: April 8, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 the following presented as a fencing hazard:

Small Playground

- * Bolts measured over two threads on the inside of the fence entering the playground.
- * Wooden fencing on the left side of the playground were split.

Large Playground

- * Wooden fence on the left side of the playground was leaning and not secured. There were also wooden boards that were split on the left side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. Maintenance will repair or replace all fencing hazards. The director reported additional covering will be placed on the Large playground area to cover the gaps at the top of the fence as consultant observed in person that those areas would also need to be covered.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

Recited on 4/4/2024

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 the wooden borders surrounding the small and large playground fencing was cracked and splintered. Additionally, chipped paint was present on the green climbing structures on the small and large playgrounds as well as rust present at the base of the tables on the large playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2024

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/17/2023

Corrected on 4/4/2024

Correction of citation in that the diaper changing pads were removed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director and staff members on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

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

Thank you for reporting as required.

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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Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed 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.

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for both vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in F1730 was completed on May 17, 2023. Vehicle with tag number ending in 2DAIR was completed on August 7, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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 as required. Please repair two small seat tears in vehicle with tag number ending in F1730 and ensure cleaning of vehicle with tag number ending in 2DAIR.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the center provides a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation blankets were observed to be touching in Classroom E and in Classroom Classroom F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others. The director removed the blankets and stored them properly on site.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on November 16, 2023.

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

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

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

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2023.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 staff members were not seated within an arm's length away from children while eating snacks and lunch in Classroom A two-year-old children and in Classroom F one-year-old classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. The director will ensure another staff member is present to ensure supervision is maintained while children three and under are eating as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024