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Date: 5/23/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 4:10 PM

CCLC-46120

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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.
05/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/22/2021	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
Main	1L	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Feeding
Main	1RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	23	C	24	C	33	C	Snack, Circle Time
Main	2 Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3L	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	26	C	Snack
Main	BK Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	28	C	Floor Play
Main	BK Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139					
Total # Children this Date: 80					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	55	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a licensing visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2023

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!

Tiffany Abrams, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Comment

591-1-1-.03(2) - The consultant observed current week's lesson plan for each age group on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(7)(a) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that all infants receive a total of one hour of outdoor time weather permitting each day. The schedule by the exit door reflected a total of 30 minutes.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant observed equipments to be secured on this date. The provider will ensure that all equipment of weight or mass continues to be secured to prevent tip over hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

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

Comment

The consultant observed the records to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - The consultant observed the provider's electronic arrival and departure records. The provider will ensure that the authorized code for each parent or authorized person is available on the records moving forward. The provider will monitor the arrival and departure records to ensure the records comply with DECAL rules and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on the consultant observation that the restroom ventilation units were not properly operating on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will repair and ensure that the ventilation fans are operating properly in each classroom restroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2023

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 consultant observation on this date the following hazards were accessible to the children:

Classroom 4L - two pair of adults scissors were being stored in the same cup with the children scissors.

3 containers of cinnamon spices were being stored in the art drawer.

Black plunger was stored in the middle restroom stall.

Classroom Back Left - Plunger and toilet brush was being stored in the restroom by the toilet.

Classroom Back right - small yellow marbles were stored in plastic bags in a lower drawer accessible to two-year-old children.

Antibacterial soap that indicated to "keep out of reach" of the children was being stored on the sinks throughout each classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will ensure that all hazards observed are made inaccessible to the children. The back right classroom was in the process of having a storage unit added that will have drawers to ensure hazards are stored inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2023

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.25(7) - The consultant observed the 1R classroom had the electrical room locked on this date, and other unauthorized room were made inaccessible on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

The consultant observed the playground to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(1) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that all meals served must meet USDA requirements pertaining to the required food components and serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child. The consultant emailed the provider the USDA meal pattern chart to monitor compliance by age group. The provider will have substitutions available to ensure that each meal served meets requirements for meals served by the caterer and those brought from home.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - The consultant observed current infant feeding plans on this date for each enrolled child. The provider will ensure that all forms are updated as any feeding instructions change.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized. The provider will monitor the warmer and refrigerator temperatures to ensure that the stored food is stored at the required temperature.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures were observed on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete for emergency situations . The provider did not have any current dispensing medication forms completed on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. The provider will ensure that all DECAL rules and regulations are followed for any future field trips.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation. The center will ensure to notify the Regional Consultant if transportation is added and ensure that all DECAL transportation rules and regulations are followed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - The consultant observed the center to have blankets and sheets that were made available by the parents on this date. The provider will ensure that all parents provide a sheet to ensure that DECAL requirements are met.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.09(1)(j) - The provider had all comprehensive background checks on file this date. The provider will ensure that all staff files contain the required background checks before being allowed on the premises when children are being served.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on consultant review of records that two lead teachers did not have the required Lead Teacher credential on file, and two staff members did not have the required Professional Learning Plan on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will ensure that all Lead Teachers have the required PLP or proof of the required credential on file within the required time frame per the rules and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios. The provider will remind staff to call for support staff to relieve for restroom breaks in order to maintain ratios at all times.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.