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Date: 5/23/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-1805

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/12/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	35	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	9	NC	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	14	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	254	C

Comments
The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

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.decal.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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Dana Rex, Program Official	Date	Angela Williams-Jackson, Consultant	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**

Technical Assistance
The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that they have current lesson plans in all classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that the high chairs and changing table in classroom B are kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
The center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The consultant discussed with the provide to please ensure that children's enrollment forms include the name(s), phone number and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released. Additionally, the name and telephone number of the child’s primary source of health care needs to be included.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Facility

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

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom C had a capacity of 14 children and there were 17 children present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

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 observation that the following posed a hazard:
- Classroom A had a closet door between the bathrooms with a broken lock and cleaning wipes accessible.
- Classroom A had three plastic grocery bags in the cubbies accessible to children.
- Classroom A had 100% Petroleum Jelly inside a cubby accessible to children.
- Classroom C had a closet door between the bathrooms with a broken lock.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Technical Assistance
The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that there are protective caps on all unused electrical outlets.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

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 that the fence on the left side near the field measured 44 inches and the front fence on the left near the parking lot measured 44 inches. Additionally the front fence near the yellow building and parking lot measured 42 inches.

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Food Service

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

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.18(9) requires cleaning materials to be stored separately from food. It was determined based on observation that the kitchen had food stored with cleaning materials in the following areas:
- Four cans of Green beans stored near nine containers of paint.
- Plates and a box of spoons stored near bleach.
- Two boxes of cookies stored near bleach.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will establish and maintain separate storage areas for food and cleaning materials.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director 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) — **N/A**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have an emergency drill documentation on site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment
The center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
The center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment
The center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2022

Corrected on 5/23/2023
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment
The consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit.

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 **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that two out of six staff did not complete their health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2023

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that classroom B had one staff in the classroom with nine children (six infants and three one-year olds).

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.