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Date: 8/5/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 8:00 AM Departure: 10:30 AM

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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.
08/05/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/18/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/13/2024	Licensing Study	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-A-Front Left	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	1L-B-Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R-A-Front Right	One Year Olds	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	1R-B- Back Right	Infants	1	1	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2L-A- Front Pre-K	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2L-B-Afterschool		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R-A- Front Right		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R-B-Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side Toddler	24	C
Main	Right Side - Afterschool	44	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/05/2024

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



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed with director to add toys to enhance variety in the classrooms.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center did not provide swimming activities for the children at this time.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-25(13) - Please ensure drawers and cabinets accessible to children are locked at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed with the director to monitor the trees that have pine cones that fall onto the playground.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated the proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff stated the proper handwashing procedures on this date.

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

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

	Safety
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that bus route for Dallas Elementary, Allgood Elementary, Abney Elementary, McGarity Elementary and Roberts Elementary were all missing the second check for the week of July 29, 2024-August 2, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Discussed with the director the proper procedure for the transportation forms. The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor transportation forms daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

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

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

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Discussed with the director that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete a degree or certification within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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

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

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.