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Date: 3/5/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/05/2024	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/28/2023	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
Building A	A- 3mth -2yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 13			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building B	B (3-12 Years)	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music, Free Play
Building B	C (3-12 Years)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building A	A (3mth-2 Years)	30	C
Building B	B (3-12 Years)	213	C

Comments

II/MV was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/05/2024

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!

Della Burrage, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(13) requires Center Staff to develop a daily schedule for each group to reflect routines and activities that is flexible but routinely followed to provide structure. The schedule must be posted in each group's room or area and made available to Parent(s) upon request. It was determined based on observation Building B (Classroom B and C) were not following the daily schedule as posted and as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a daily schedule for each age group, post the schedule in each room, and make it available to parents upon request. The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure the schedules are followed and remain posted.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the center provides outdoor activities daily, weather permitting as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

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

Met

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 does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

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

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2023

Corrected on 3/5/2024

Correction of citation in that the multi-colored curvy slide was removed and some new equipment was purchased and placed on the playground to replace the equipment that was removed. Additionally, consultant discussed with the director to monitor and repair as needed the wooden structure with the green swings attached.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be 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. It was determined based on observation the following hazards were present:

- * Two inches of standing water was present in a brown plastic covering on Playground A.
- * Sticks were throughout the area on Playground B.
- * Two active ant beds were present surrounding the black borders which enclosed Playground B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The director or other staff member assigned will check and ensure no hazards are present on the playgrounds daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

Recited on 3/5/2024

Food Service

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

Consultant discussed Rule: 591-1-1-.15(7) 591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. (Meatballs and pineapple tidbits were discussed with the director / cook on this date.)

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and staff member on this date. The director will ensure the staff member has proper knowledge of diapering steps as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation Building B (Classroom B) had a diaper changing pad that was not non-porous as a tear was present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change. The director will also paint the chipped part of the diapering rail.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024

Recited on 3/5/2024

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands 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 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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

	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 the director and infant 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 on this date.

Comment

Director provided one file for an employee hired since the last visit which was completed on November 28, 2023.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 3/5/2024

Correction of citation in that the staff member was no longer employed.

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined based on observation the center did not have sufficient, direct-care staff on site to ensure full compliance with the rules without neglecting the supervision of children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that an adequate number of qualified employees is available to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of the children.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024