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Date: 1/23/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 4:30 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.
01/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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	1L	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	1R	One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Art
Main	2L	GA PreK	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	2R Back	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	2R Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L1R		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Back		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 47					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Back	60	C
Main	PG Right	41	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on any previous citations.

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!

Daphnee Hall, 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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center did not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.06(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the vents in all bathrooms are free of dust and routinely cleaned to ensure that they are working properly.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2024

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 observation that the following hazards were observed:

--Classroom 1L (GA PreK) contained Aquaphor in a child's cubby that the manufacturer stated, "Keep out of reach of children" on the back of the package.

--Classroom 2R Front contained an unlocked laundry room. The laundry room contained a washer, dryer, vacuum, mop, mop buckets, dust pan and other cleaning supplies.

--Classroom 2R Front contained wipes that the manufacturer stated, "CAUTION: To avoid danger of suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children" on the back of the package. The wipes were located on the changing table that was within reach of the children.

--Classroom 2L (GA PreK) contained a broom and dust pan near the front entrance to the classroom and within reach of the children.

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. The Staff removed the Aquaphor, wipes and cleaning materials out of reach of the children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed and accessible to the children while on Playground Back:

--Four of twelve (12) window screens with metal frames that were broken, bent, and not in good repair on the back side of the center. The window screen located on the far left as you face the building, had a bent metal frame with sharp edges exposed and accessible to children while on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the resilient surface on Playground Back was inadequate as follows:

--Resilient surface underneath the pink slide on the right side of the climbing equipment between the purple Triceratops and the black metal steps was four and a half inches when the requirement is six inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024

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 that the following hazards were observed on the Playground as follows:

--Playground Right contained an adult sized broken red wheel barrow with the wheel removed. The lawn equipment was leaning on the fence near the entrance of Classroom 2R Back and accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove the broken wheel barrow and fix or remove hazards from the playground that are accessible to the children; this will be routinely monitored to ensure that the playgrounds are free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

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

Center menu met USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. The Center does administer medication; however, there are no children enrolled who require medication to be administered.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Center did not have any animals on the premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/30/2023

Corrected on 1/23/2024

.36(4)(a) -The Consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected. The bus with GA Registration Plate SBY 449 was inspected on 100323.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation that the mats in Classroom 1L and Classroom 2R Front were not marked or labeled with the name of the child designated to sleep on the mat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Staff Records

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.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Corrected on 1/23/2024

.14(2) - The Consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected. Ten of eleven staff members were observed to have First Aid and CPR Training within 90 days of their hire date. One staff member has to complete the required training by March 5, 2024.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Corrected on 1/23/2024

.33(3) - The Consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that all required staff members have completed the Health and Safety Orientation Training.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.