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Date: 10/8/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-50264

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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.
10/08/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/07/2024	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
10/07/2024	Licensing Study	Support	

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 Building	A-1st Left side	Infants	2	10	C	29	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main Building	B- 2nd left -2nd right side	One Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	C-3rd left 1st right		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	D-Middle Room	Three Year Olds	2	26	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	E-Right side 1st left	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main Building	F-Toddlers- Right side 1st right	One Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	G-Pre-K Right Side 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main Building	H-Two's Right Side- 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main Building	I-Right Side 2nd right	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main Building	J-1st Right Side	GA PreK	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 239					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 157					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow up.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.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.al.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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

Corrected on 10/8/2024

.03(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed current lesson plans for classrooms H and F.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.12(6)- Consultant deferred the citation until October 22, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

Corrected on 10/8/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(8)- Consultant deferred citation to December 2, 2024.

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: 10/17/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024****Corrected on 10/8/2024****.15(5) - The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.18(8)-Consultant deferred the citation until October 11, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024**Safety**

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024****Corrected on 10/8/2024****.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected.****Staff Records**

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.14(2)- Consultant deferred the citation until December 8, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(3)- Consultant deferred the citation until November 8, 2024.

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: 11/6/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024****Corrected on 10/8/2024****.31(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date.****Staffing and Supervision**

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024**

Corrected on 10/8/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff providing adequate supervision.