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Date: 5/3/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:30 AM **Departure:** 9:30 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.
05/03/2023	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
03/15/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Complaint Closure	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	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room B - 2L/3L		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C - 4L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	40	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D - 3R	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room E - 2R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (1st left)	14	C
Main	Playground B (second left)	19	C
Main	Playground C (Large back left)	64	C
Main	Playground D (Outside of class D)	8	C
Main	Playground E (right of class E)	6	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement to be submitted by May 17, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/17/2023

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.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!

Awayana Adams, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(6) requires Center Staff to ensure children less than three years of age do not spend more than one-half hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival an infant was in a rocker and remained in the rocker for over one half-hour.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Recited on 5/3/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not follow manufacturer's instructions when a staff member picked up a child in a bouncer and carried the child from the cafeteria to the 1R Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Facility

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 upon arrival approximately 25 children were present in the special use cafeteria a room that was licensed for 19 children

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a child in Room D entered for the day and was not required to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Recited on 5/3/2023

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.36(4)(b) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.36(4)(c) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.36(4)(f)1. - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.36(4)(f)2. - Citation corrected.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Corrected on 5/3/2023

.31(13) - Citation corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

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 upon arrival a staff member that was in the Cafeteria walked to the front leaving on staff member with 14 children ranging in ages of infants through school-age children. A ratio of one staff member to six children should have been maintained. It was further determined that in the cafeteria three infants, three one-year-olds and two two-year-old children were present with one staff member.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Recited on 5/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival all children present for the day were housed in the cafeteria ranging in ages of infants to six-year-olds.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the 1R Room walked out of the class to get a child from the cafeteria to take to the class. It was further determined that the staff member in the 1R Class provided supervision for children in the 1R Class and the cafeteria. In addition, children were permitted to walk from the front door to their classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023