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Date: 11/13/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-58753

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
11/13/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/03/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/12/2023	ILS with PTO	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	A 1st right	Infants	4	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	B 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	C 3rd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	D 4th Right	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 5th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F 4th Left	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch
Main	G 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H 2nd Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 115		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1st Left Outdoor Classroom	3	C
Main	Left Side	45	C
Main	Main Right Infant Toddler Playground	29	C

Comments

11/13/2024: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/13/2024

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.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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Defer

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591-1-1-.12(2)- The previous citation was deferred due to the provider is awaiting funds to purchase furniture for the classrooms. However, the center replaced furniture in classroom F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed classroom D with a locked cabinet under the sink and without hazardous items that were accessible to children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.30(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe classrooms D, E, F, and G to have stored cots and mats that were accessible to children.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff #6 and #10 to have satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records, that staff member #2 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that expired on September 11, 2024. This staff member was present at the center with an expired Comprehensive Records Check Determination on November 13, 2024, and while acting in the capacity as the director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that the Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure that the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff #10 to have a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file on this date.

Determination

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff #6 and #10 to have satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined, based on review of records, that staff #2 was observed to have a Comprehensive Records Check determination that expired on September 11, 2024, and had not submitted fingerprints or a record check application while acting in the capacity as the director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that the Director has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure that CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have First Aid and CPR training for all staff members on this date.