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Date: 2/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation		
02/27/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	1st Left #1	Infants	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	1st Right #7	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Left #2	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	2nd Right #8	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Right #9	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	22	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	4th Left #4	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Right	One Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	5th Left #5	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers,Clean Up
Main	6th Left #6	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Gym - Art Area		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Main	Gym - Basketball/Rec Area		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	
Main	Gym - Block Classroom		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Main	Gym - Dramatic Play		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	Gym - Homework Area		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	Gym - Snack Area		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243 | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Modular Building 1	School Age 1		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Modular Building 1	School Age 2 (middle)		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Modular Building 1	School Age 3		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50					
Modular Building 2	School Age	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	24	C	20	NC	28	C	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 419					
Total # Children this Date: 131		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 312			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1 - school age	151	C
Main	Playground 2	15	C
Main	Playground 3	17	C
Main	Playground 4	14	C
Main	Playground 5	15	C
Main	Playground 6	14	C
Main	Playground 7	17	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visti is to conduct a Licensing Study. The center provides routine transportation and the vehicles and logs were inspected on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/27/2023

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.decal.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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS CHILDCARE AND PARENT SERVICES

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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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-.03 Activities **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on a review of records that classrooms 1st Right #7, 2nd Left #2, 2nd Right #8, 3rd Left #3, 4th Left #4, and 4th Right did not have a current lesson plan on site as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

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) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child’s name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child’s primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child’s participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that two of five records reviewed did not have the address of the authorized pick up persons, one of five records did not have work address and phone number for a parent, and one of five records did not have the physician's name and phone number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 Modular Building 2 had 24 three and four-year-old children present in a space licensed for 20 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023
.25(11) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The cracked and missing floor tiles in the girls bathroom have been removed.

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 in classroom 3rd Left #3, two of three toilets were taped closed and not in proper working order. Additionally, the third toilet was working but was missing the handle to flush the toilet. In classroom 2nd Right #8, one of two toilets were not in proper working order.

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: 3/6/2023

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

Finding
591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the after school playground, the fencing was not secured to eight posts in the front section of the playground posing a potential escape hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. The fencing on the left side of the entry gate appeared to be damaged and was not 48 inches tall as required. Please repair or replace the fencing near the entry gate.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Technical Assistance
The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. Please repair, replace, or remove the red wagon on the last playground on the right side of the building.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

Food Service

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

Comment
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:
DECAL
http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx
USDA
http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

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

Comment
Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Please ensure that staff do not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. Please ensure that pacifier clips are removed and not used in the facility. Additionally, since pacifier clips are not permitted, for hygiene purposes, pacifiers are not recommended outside on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023
.10(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate supervision during diapering was observed.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment
The Emergency drill logs were not observed on site on this date. The consultant requested that the director email the log to the consultant within three business days.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2023

Safety

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

Comment
The immunization record for the service animal was not observed on this date. The consultant requested that the director email the immunization record to the consultant within three business days.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2023

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.36 - The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. The first aid kit in the bus ending with tag 9012 is the basic first aid kit that comes with the bus. Please ensure that all vehicle first aid kits have all the requirements listed in the rules and regulations for a first aid kit.

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

Finding
591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on the bus with tag ending in 6254 that the third seat on the right and the second seat on the left had torn edges with the seat foam exposed. Additionally, on the bus with tag ending in 9012 the third seat on the left had a rip in the seat and the fourth seat on the right had a tear in the seat on the back right hand corner with the seat foam exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the following transportation folders for the routes were missing emergency medical forms for students that were listed on the February 27 - March 3, 2023, transportation route checklists.
- Nicholls PM Route folder was missing two emergency medical forms.
- Eastside PM Route was missing nine emergency medical forms.
- Westside PM Route was missing four emergency medical forms.
- Indian Creek PM Route was missing five emergency medical forms.
- Ambrose/CCA/West Green PM route was missing nine emergency medical forms.
- Indian Creek AM Route was missing one emergency medical form.
- Satilla AM Route was missing four emergency medical forms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that on the transportation checklist for the week of February 6 - February 10, 2023, there was no second check signature documented for the Broxton PM route, West Green PM route, and CCA PM route as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023
.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All crib mattresses were observed to be tight-fitting as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that in classroom 1st Left #1, four infants were observed asleep in cribs with a toy in the crib with them that posed a potential safe sleep hazard. Additionally, one of the cribs had a burp cloth hanging on the side of the crib that posed a potential safe sleep hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that a five-month-old infant was observed in classroom 1st Left #1 asleep on a blanket on the floor and was not moved to a safety-approved crib for sleeping as required. Additionally, the infant room staff members stated that they were not aware that infants had to be moved to a safety-approved crib for sleeping.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR — **Met**

Comment
Evidence observed of more than 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training — **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) — **Met**

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) — **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that classroom 2nd Right #8 had 11 two-year-old children present with one staff member for a ratio of 1:11, when two staff members were required for a ratio of 2:11.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

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 in classrooms 4th Right which housed one-year-old children and classroom 5th Left #5 which housed two-year-old children, the staff members were not seated within arm's length of the table during the lunch meal as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023