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Date: 6/26/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/26/2024	Initial 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
Building II Left side	E 1st-Left side Three and Older	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story,Outside
Building II Left side	E-Left side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A-1st Left One & Twos		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-Middle	Infants	1	2	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-Middle	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-1st Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D-Downstairs Private Pre-K		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room-A 1Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room-C 1st Right Potty Trained Two	Two Year Olds	1	4	NC	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 27		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 158			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 26, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on June 24, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on June 27, 2024 at 4:00 pm with the Director. The program did not receive Permission to Operate on June 24, 2024. Once the program submits improvements and items corrected from citations, the program will receive Permission to Operate; a follow up visit will be conducted,. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. License capacity is 82.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/26/2024

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.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)

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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
The consultant discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in all classrooms with the exception of the infants.

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the chairs and tables in the one year old, two year old, and three year old classrooms had rust on the legs.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The consultant reminded the Provider that 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.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

Facility

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

Comment
The consultant reminded the Provider to please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 64 children.

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

Technical Assistance
The consultant advised the provider that the floor coverings must be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable and this includes the puzzle like mats on the floors in the one year old classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

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 fence surrounding the playground is sinking and the area on the right back corner is three feet when a four foot fence is required. Also the fence surrounding the playgrounds in most areas was loose from the top bar and loose at the bottom causing an entrapment hazard. Lastly, the fence was rusted in several places on the fence and gaps measuring 4 inches and more between the gate door and fence.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2024

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 door in the one year old classroom is off the hinge and needs repair, the windows in that same class were dirty and dirt smeared over the panes. The room used as a break area was open and cans of paint and other hazards were accessible to the children. In that same hallway were two mop buckets and mops all accessible to the children. Lastly, the steps near the kitchen coming from the three year old classroom need repair and the window in the two year old classroom had wasp nest in them.

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: 9/26/2024

Technical Assistance
The consultant advised the provider that the stairwell leading downstairs behind the reception area required a barrier that would prevent children from wandering in that area.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

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 surfacing on the large composite on the playground had two inches of resilient surface where six inches were required.

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: 7/6/2024

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 there were several sections of exposed roots all over the playground causing a tripping hazard. The red, blue and yellow blocks had an active spider web with a spider on the top open. The gate surrounding the hard surface is loose at the bottom and have rusted hooks coming from the ground causing a scraping hazard. Also there were broken pieces of the brick and concrete surrounding the bottom outside the gate. The sidewalk on the playground was not flushed causing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Comment
The provider was advised to work with staff on proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

Comment
The provider was reminded by the consultant to check ventilation in all bathrooms and diapering areas.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

Technical Assistance
The consultant reminded the provider that center staff should not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director and owner on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Appropriate discipline was observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) — **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Consultant observed Ten (10) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2018. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner and director during the inspection visit.

Technical Assistance
The consultant reminded the provider that to reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

Staff Records

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

Comment
Seven (7) of seven (7) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding
591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined based on observation that there were no designated lead in any of the classrooms and no PLP on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.   Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed during the inspection visit.