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Date: 10/4/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

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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.
10/04/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Building II	F- 4-5 yrs		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Building II	G- 5-10 yrs Afterschool		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A- 2's	One Year Olds	1	2	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	B- 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	D- 1's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 6wks- 12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-1-3yrs	23	C

Main	Playground B-3-10 yrs	47	C
Main	Playground C- 6wks-18mths	23	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/04/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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!

Danielle Schneck, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.03 Activities

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.03(10) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 observed that classrooms throughout did not have current lesson plans as they were dated June/July 2023.

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: 10/4/2023

Recited on 10/4/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed securing wooden shelves throughout.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Consultant discussed that the paint in Room C was chipping in the Science center area.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

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 following hazards were accessible to children in care:

-Room C:

Broom and dust pan by the cubbies

-staff bag hanging from the back of the door that is within reach of children in care

Room B:

-baby wipes under the diapering station that pose a "suffocation hazard" to children in care

-trash bags in the unlocked cabinet of the diapering station that pose a "suffocation hazard"

-staff bag within the cubbie

Room G:

-under the sink cabinet cleaners were present and rubber gloves on the sink counter

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: 10/4/2023

Recited on 10/4/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that dog feces was on the Left Side playground within a small hole that needs to be cleaned up.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.26(9) - Citation corrected.

Food Service

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

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.18(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant discussed storing gloves and wipes under the diapering station and not on top.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023****Corrected on 10/4/2023****.17(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.****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 an infant with good head movement was not required to hands after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023**Corrected on 10/4/2023****.20(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.**

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records a fire drill had not been conducted since June 2023 and a lock down and tornado drill was not conducted every six months as required in that the last ones were in March 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023**Recited on 10/4/2023**

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.36(6) - Citation observed ed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed storage of clean sheets in Room B and not laying them on the diapering station. Please ensure the kids have cleaned sheets prior to nap.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2023

Staff Records

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

The center has two new hires since the last regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

