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Date: 2/6/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/06/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/06/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
12/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C: 3R: two's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D: 4R : three's	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	1	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	1	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	1	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	I: 4L: three's	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J: 3L: two's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diapering
Main	K: 2L: one's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 101		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C

Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments
Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/06/2023

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)





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!**

Kim Barger, Program Official Date

Brandi Mangino, Regional Consultant Date

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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 **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.03(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the computer screen in Room F(6R) needs to be secure Metal file containor on the plastic shelf in Room J (3L) needs to be secured or moved.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.12(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment
Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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**

Comment
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed the blue rug in Room I (5L) needs to be flush as it poses a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 following items were in need of repair:
-Back door frame leading to the large back playground was chipping white paint and wood.
-Room A (1R) and Room B (2R) did not have warm water
-O Rings behind the toilets in Room I (4L) both restrooms, Room H (5L), Room G (6L) and Room G (6R girls restrooms

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: 2/20/2023

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

Comment
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and fall zone requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.26(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 the following items were observed on center playgrounds and accessible to children.

Back Playground- There were pine cones throughout the playground.
Front Left- The wooden door frame around the pool house was observed to have chipped wood.
Left playground- Concrete sidewalks were not flush.
Right playground- Concrete sidewalks had approximately a six inch gap in areas that posed 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: 2/13/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.18(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment
Per the person in charge the center has not dispensed medication since the last regulatory visit.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment
Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Finding
591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records the center did not have current annual safety checks for the center buses.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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.

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. 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. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that cribs in Room A (1R) were not spaced accordingly.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance
The center director left as of February 1, 2023. A new center director needs to be in place by February 13, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Finding
591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records the center had four of 11 lead teachers meeting the educational requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023
.32(1) - Citation corrected.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.