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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 9:50 AM

CCLC-46802

Fun Steps Ahead

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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.
08/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/27/2021	Licensing Study	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	1L - Front - Room B - Preschool		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R-Room A-Inf	Infants	2	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Floor Play
Main	2L - Front - Room C - Preschool	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3L - Front - Room D - Preschool		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L - Rear - Room E - Preschool - School Age	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - Preschool - School Age	18	C

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on August 09, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on August 09, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 11, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed. The director's signature was obtained on the administrative review letter.

The Consultant completed the exit conference via phone and a copy of the Monitoring Visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on August 22, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/09/2022

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



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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Pearlie Carter, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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**

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 there were grocery bags stored at low level accessible to children in the Rear Room E Pre-School age classroom.

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: 8/9/2022**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 there was a hole under the desk in the Rear Room E Pre-School age classroom.

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: 8/9/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there were unused electrical outlets within children's reach in the Rear Room E Pre-School age classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022**Corrected on 8/9/2022**

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation there were no protruding nails on the blue non-mobile race car or on the police car.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with staff members on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022****Corrected on 8/9/2022**

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation there were no infants asleep in bouncy seats that were not transferred to a safety approved crib as required.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/26/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/26/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/11/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

Corrected on 8/9/2022

.32(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the correct ratio was observed in the infant classroom and each of the classrooms as required.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.