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Date: 7/10/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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Temporary License

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Quality Rated: No

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.
07/10/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	2nd Left Playground - Outdoor Classroom		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	A 1st right	Infants	4	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B 2nd Right	One Year Olds	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C 3rd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	D 4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Music
Main	E 5th Right	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F 4th Left	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G 3rd Left	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 2nd Left	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	I 1st Left		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 103			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1st Left Outdoor Classroom	3	C
Main	Left Side	45	C

Comments

An Initial Licensing Visit was completed on July 10, 2023. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility carries liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/10/2023

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.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 user id 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Mickenzie Bogner, Program Official

Date

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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)

Technical Assistance

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Consultant discussed with the provider and the director ensuring that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low open shelves accessible to children in Classrooms A; B; C; and D.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the Director the importance of ensuring that all the information on the enrollment packet be filled out by parents. Consultant also discussed with the Director ensuring that parental agreements/authorizations be filled out and kept on file.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that there were no operable exhaust fans in the bathrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2023

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. A Temporary License was granted on this date. The overall license capacity is 169 children due to Fire Marshal and Building codes restrictions.

Comment

The program has the following capacity limitations: According to the Fire & Building Certificate of Occupancy, the center is limited to 169 children.

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.

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 a child's bedding was placed in a grocery style plastic bag and stored in the child's accessible cubby in Classroom H. Consultant also observed wipes that had "Keep out of reach of children" label in a child's cubby in classroom H. Lastly, consultant observed a Lakeshore plastic bag in Classroom F.

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: 7/10/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Consultant changed the 2nd Playground on the left in a special use space.

Food Service

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

Consultant discussed with the provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Provider stated that all children's food is plated even if they bring their own lunch. This way, if there are any restricted foods in the lunch boxes, they can be removed by staff.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that there we no exhaust fans over the diaper changing table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2023

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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

The Center does not provide routine transportation. 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)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Eighteen (18) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in November 2011; April 2013, and March 2014.

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed crib mattresses that had minor tears in corners of the mattress. Please ensure that these tears are sealed.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider and the director ensuring that sheets are firmly tucked under crib mattresses. Consultant informed the provider and the director that sheet fasteners can be used to keep the sheets tight fitting. Please ensure that sheets are not too tight so that the don't curl the crib mattress.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that 8 cots in Classroom B had tears in them. Consultant also observed torn mats in Classrooms D; E; F; G; and H.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant informed the provider and the director that no objects are allowed to be attached to cribs with a sleeping infant. Consultant observed two (2) sound machines hanging on the plexiglass on the outside of the cribs. The sound machines were hung with a Command strip hook. Please ensure that the sound machines as well as the Command strips are removed from the cribs.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cot sheets and blankets in Classroom C were stacked one behind the other. This allowed the children's sheets and blankets to touch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2023

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Nineteen (19) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on observation that only seven (7) staff members had a hands-on skills practice and assessment First Aid and CPR training. Consultant observed fourteen (14) staff records that had an online-only First Aid and CPR training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed that all lead staff that do not have lead teacher credentials get enrolled in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.