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Date: 5/17/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 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.
05/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/12/2022	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	1st left		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	A		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap, Transitioning
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Pre-K A	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	28	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Pre-K B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Right Side Playground	166	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/17/2023

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.decgal.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 at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jerome Garland, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed following the daily scheduled within classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the white plastic machine on the shelf in Room A needs to be moved so it does not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

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****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:

Room A;
rubber gloves on shelf within reach

Room C:
two packs of baby wipes under the diapering station that pose a suffocation hazard

Building 2:

Left Side- PreK B
-rubber gloves on the shelf near the door

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: 5/17/2023**Recited on 5/17/2023**

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

Consultant discussed removal of limbs and that plastic for the new equipment poses a suffocation hazard and will need to be removed.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the right side fencing had a gap approximately five inches that posed an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023**Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023****.26(9) - Citation corrected.**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023****.07(5) - Citation corrected.**

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.16(f) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the director designees is posted.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that the center were using high back booster seats on a mini bus which are not permitted by the Department of Highway Safety.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.36(6) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records the following information was missing from emergency medical forms:

- one of 12 did not have an emergency contact listed
- 11 of 12 did not have work number for the parents
- eight of 12 did not have the medical facility or the address of the medical facility the center uses
- two of 12 did not have if the child had any allergies, was perscribed any mediations or had any special conditions listed
- four of 12 did not have ifull information listed for the child's physician

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Citation observed to be corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

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)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined based on observation that in Room B an enrolled child was sleeping in a chair and not provided a mat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

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)**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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that an enrolled child in Room B walked through the adjacent restroom into Room C and the staff member in Room B was not aware until it was brought to their attention that the child had left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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