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Date: 5/31/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/31/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/21/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/22/2022	MV POI Follow Up	Support

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- 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D- 4th Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 1st Left	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F- 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	25	C	Art
Main	G- 3rd Left	Six Year Olds and Over	2	33	C	37	C	52	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				
Total # Children this Date: 75			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Plgd	251	C
Main	Small Playground	23	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement was developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/31/2023

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!

JAMIA HARRIS, Program Official

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of being secured as they posed a falling hazard:

- three shelves in the 3rd Right Classroom (3,6,7) were labeled on the side
- book shelf and block shelf in the 2nd Left Classroom

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the ventilation in the 1st Left and 3rd Left restrooms were not in working order and would need to be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

Consultant dicussed that the toilet brush in the 1st Left restroom and the hanging cords in the 3rd Left would need to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the paint next to the black refrigerator in the kitchen and the wood around the outside door window of the 3rd Left Classroom were in need of being repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

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

Consultant discussed the one blue cozy coupe car was missing the door.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2015

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.26(4) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2015

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.26(7) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.26(8) - Citation corrected.

Finding

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined that several trees were observed to have low hanging limbs, presenting a hazard to the children. The PVC pipe was observed to be loose by the small climbing structure on the large playground. A tripping hazard was observed by the side doors, the concrete stoop was not equally flushed with the ground.

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 that a tripping hazard was observed by the side doors, the concrete stoops were not equally flush with the ground. It was further detemined that the green outdoor carpet on the back playground was not flush with the ground posing a tripping hazard, and pine cones were observed on the back playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will cut the limbs of the trees.

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: 6/7/2023

Recited on 5/31/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed when changes are made to the menu it needs to reflect.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that one infant feeding plan had no been updated since October 2022. It was further determined the form being used did not meet current requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. 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. It was determined based on a review of records that meatballs were listed on the menu with no alternaties for children under four which pose a choking hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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 Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Changes were made to the back playground and fencing was added to some of the licensed area. An application to amend needs to be submitted with any changes.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure a review of emergency procedures is conducted with staff every six months as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

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 that van ending in tag 4623 did not have a current annual safety check on file to be reviewed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the van ending in tag 1002 had two holes in the roof from missing air vents that was in need of being repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2015

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.30(1)(b)4 - Citation corrected.

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-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2015

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.09(1)(a) - Citation corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - Citation corrected.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Supervision requirements with diapering were discussed on this date due to diapering stations facing the walls.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Corrected on 5/31/2023

.32(7) - Citation corrected.