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Date: 3/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-52620

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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.
03/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support	
10/28/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/06/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Building II	Room G		0	0	C	75	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - 2L/3L	GA PreK	2	21	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C - 4L		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - 3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room E - 2R	One Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Flo or Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 81			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building II	Playground F	112	C
Main	Playground A (1st left)	14	C
Main	Playground B (second left)	19	C


Main	Playground C (Large back left)	64	C
Main	Playground D (Outside of class D)	8	C
Main	Playground E (right of class E)	6	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement to be submitted through decal koala by March 16, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/16/2023

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

Awayana Adams, Program Official

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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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 Not Met

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 the ventilation fans in the center restrooms throughout were not working. In addition, in Room the ventilation fan was missing from the ceiling in the girls restroom.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2023

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 to children in care:

Room A- A broom and dust pan located by the restroom door.

Room B- A broom and dust pan located by the restroom door and a mop and plungers located in one of two boys restroom.

Room C- 'Lysol' located on the shelf within reach of the after school children.

Room D- Plastic bags in the bottom of the unlocked diapering station.

Room E- Baby wipes that read "keep out of reach of children" located on a table when entering the classroom

Room F- A broom located near the door of the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the area rugs in Room D were in need of being cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the wooden fencing on the 1st Left Playground was chipping at the bottom and a piece needed to be nailed back together as it had an exposed gap.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 3/2/2023

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 3/2/2023

.26(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 3/2/2023

.26(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 3/2/2023

.26(9) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that an infant was sleeping with a bib attached to their neck in Room F.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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.

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

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed to ensure the seat belts on the white van are pulled up from the floor as they had fallen through the seat so that children are properly secured when they are being transported. The seatbelts were in working order.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the address for the medical facility the center uses is listed as four forms did not have it listed.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

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 the center did not have three of three annual safety checks for the bus and vans.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that on February 6 ,2023 a second check was not completed of the center bus when returning from Heritage Elementary.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 3/2/2023

.32(4)(a) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on observation that Room D had two-year-old and three-year-old children housed together without parental premission.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.