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Date: 2/6/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:10 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

CCLC-3557

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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.
02/06/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	
Bldg One	Back	One Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers,Music	
Bldg One	Left	One Year Olds	1	3	C	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast	
Bldg One	Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast	
Bldg One	Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	35	C	49	C	Circle Time	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169					
Bldg Two	Main		0	0	C	64	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169					
Total # Children this Date: 30		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg One	Back-Play Yard	122	C
Bldg One	Side-Play Yard	8	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/06/2023

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

Ezra Hatcher, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure staff post lesson plans weekly.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - Please ensure that batteries are replaced in toys as needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the blue vinyl couch in the home living center in the Right Classroom was torn from front to back. It was further determined that the two blue vinyl loungers in the library center in the Right Classroom were both torn at the front two corners.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that all sections of children's enrollment applications are completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

	Facility
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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 upon observation that the exhaust fan was not working in the bathroom in the Middle Classroom on this date.

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: 3/8/2023

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based upon observation that the flooring in the Middle Classroom was peeling causing a tripping hazard at the entrance of the classroom and at the front left side of the classroom. It was also determined that flooring in the bathroom in the Right Classroom was not secured to the floor on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

Left Classroom:

- Two brooms, a swifter wet jet mop, a dust pan, and a bottle of Ortho Home Defense bug spray were in an unlocked cabinet.
- A vacuum was leaning against a crib and shelf.

Middle Classroom:

- A vacuum was leaning against the wall.
- A broom and dust pan were between the wall and sink used for hand washing.
- Six brooms, three cans of chalk pain, one bottle of Pine Sol, and one bottle of Home Line Cleaning were in an unlocked cabinet.

Right Classroom:

- A plastic grocery bag was in a cubby.
- A Cricuit Explore Air 2 was on the floor.
- Two brooms, a mop, a dust pan, and a vacuum were leaning against the wall by the sink used for handwashing.
- A toilet brush and plunger was in the bathroom.
- The left toilet in the bathroom had two bolts that were over two threads.

Back Classroom:

- The cord to the window HVAC unit was hanging from the window.

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: 2/4/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023

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 upon observation that the door trim in the bathroom in the Right Classroom was not secured and pulling from the wall. It was also determined that the exterior siding of the building on the Back-Play Yard was peeling and broken on this date. It was further determined that there was no light cover over the light in the bathroom in the Middle Classroom and the Right Classroom on this date.

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: 2/11/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 upon observation that the following fencing hazards were observed on this date:

Back-Play Yard:

- The back right fence top rail was not attached to the post causing the chain link to pull away and measure at two feet nine inches when four feet was required.
- The middle back fence had a ten and one half inch gap from the chain link to the top rail.
- The front left white fence had a seven and one half inch by ten and one half inch gap at the bottom from the ground to the fence.
- The front left white fence gate was not secured and had a six inch opening.
- The white gate to the left side of the play ground was broken and off the hinges.

Side-Play Yard:

- The front left side of the fence had a five and one half inch gap from the ground to the fence.

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: 3/6/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the following playground equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Back-Play Yard:

- Ten out of ten swing chains were too long on the front swing set.
- Five out of six swing chains were too long on the back swing set.
- The picnic table under the awning had a broken table slat.
- Three out of eight bucket swings were broken.
- The bucket swing set had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe any hazards on the playground on this date.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based upon observation that center staff failed to secure safety straps for two out of three children while using feeding chairs in the Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

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

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based upon a review of documents that center staff failed to document in writing the load and unload for one child on the afternoon route from Sllas X Floyd Head Start to the center from January 30, 2023 through February 3, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023

.30(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe infants to sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023

.32(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate Staff:Child ratios on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.