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Date: 8/15/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/15/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/05/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
05/11/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing

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	Infants	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Free Play
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	GA PreK	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Modular	G	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Modular	H	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant	9	C
Main	B-Toddler	30	C


Main	C-Preschool	62	C
Main	D-School Age	53	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/15/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Erica Boone, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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: 8/15/2023

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 several hinges on cubby doors in Classroom E were loose causing a potential hazard. It was further determined that the drawer by the sink used for hand washing in Classroom H was broken causing a potential hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based upon observation that the toilet in the right bathroom had paper towels inside the toilet bowl and the left bathroom toilet was dirty in Classroom C. It was further determined that the toilet in the left bathroom in Classroom F was dirty.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

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 up observation that the following hazards were accessible to children:

Classroom C:

- There was a broom in an unlocked closet.
- There was a dirty air filter behind the toilet in the right bathroom.
- There was a plunger in by the toilet in the right bathroom.

Classroom E:

- There was a plastic grocery bag in a child's cubby.
- There were two rolls of trash bags, a tube of Little Journey Diaper Rash Cream, two tubes of A&D ointment, and a box of gloves in an unlocked cabinet under the diaper changing table.

Classroom G:

- There was a plunger and trash bag by the toilet in the bathroom.

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: 8/15/2023**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 left and right bathrooms had dusty exhaust fans Classroom E and Classroom F causing a potential fire hazard. It was further determined that the metal railing on the ramp leading to the modular building had sections of rusting.

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: 9/1/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Corrected on 8/15/2023

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe fencing gaps on this date. The Consultant observed the fence to be in good repair on this date.

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 Playground B had the following equipment hazards on this date:

- The red Radio Flyer tricycle was missing two handle bar covers.
- There were 16 out of 16 swing chains with the rubber coating peeling with sharp edges.
- The white border trim around the large slide by the basketball court was broken with exposed sharp corners.

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: 9/15/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(9) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring staff label bottles in the area used for food prep and not the area used for diapering.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

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.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.22 - The Consultant and Director discussed parental access throughout the building.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2023

Corrected on 8/15/2023

.09(1)(j) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of satisfactory comprehensive criminal records check letters for all staff on this date.

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**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.