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Date: 3/15/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-54706

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/15/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/16/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	A OneYear Old	One Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B Back Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	C Front Infants	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	D Back 2's	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E Front Older 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F PreK	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	36	C	51	C	Circle Time
Main	G 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	27	C	30	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166					
Total # Children this Date: 96			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A One's	21	C
Main	B Infants	10	C
Main	C Two's	44	C
Main	D 4-12yrs	39	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Incident Investigation/ Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/15/2023

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

Ashley Williams, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of completed children's files on this date.

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 upon observation that there was a toilet brush and plunger in the bathroom in the F PreK Classroom. It was further determined that there was a pack of Parents Choice baby wipes in a child's cubby in the F PreK Classroom.

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: 3/15/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that all exterior doors are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 blue and red bouncy see saw had peeling paint and was rusted on the D 4-12 yrs playground on this date.

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: 3/25/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that hazards are removed from the playground prior to children going outside.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022****Corrected on 3/15/2023**

.15(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed current infant feeding plans.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

.15(2)(d) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed one-year-old children in Room A to be given spoons to eat their lunch on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

.15(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed baby bottles to be labeled on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.20(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed documentation of medication on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.13(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Director stated that the Center will obtain parent permission documentation prior to taking children on a field trip.

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

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #5, who participated in transportation, had one hour of transportation training when two hours is required biannually.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Recited on 3/15/2023

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation on this date.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed adequate fitting sheets on this date.

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**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed staff seated within an arm's length away from children 36 months of age and younger during meal times.