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Date: 5/19/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:05 AM **Departure:** 12:05 PM

CCLC-48493

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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.
05/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/21/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/20/2021	Licensing Study	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	2 Year	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2-3 Years		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant/Toddler	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Pre-K		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA	
Main	Preschool II		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	34	C

Comments

No comment.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Shereka Shaw, 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 each classroom maintains current lesson plans that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. Also please ensure the each class follows a daily schedule.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12 - Please ensure toys are rotated and cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure the following items are secured to prevent a tipping hazard from developing:

-small wooden shelf in front entry way

-large speaker on top of the desk in the two and three-year-old classroom

-TV on cart in closet in bathroom

Also, please ensure chairs are not stacked during the day when children are present.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(1) - Please ensure all toilets are repaired and / or replaced so that the center maintains its licensed space requirement.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure bathrooms are cleaned and the floor is mopped daily with a disinfectant, and checked throughout the day for supplies and cleanliness.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Comment

Please contact consultant upon completion of renovations.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.19(1) - Discussed with Director that only licensed spaces should be used to house or for children's activities during the school day. Please add the foyer area as a special use area and tennis court if the center wishes to use these areas for children's activities.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(12) - Please ensure the small heater in the two and three-year-old classroom is moved to a high shelf and secured so it is not accessible to children or a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

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 an observation that the following hazards were stored accessible to children:

-three and four-year-old classroom: sunscreen and a COVID-19 test kit were stored in children's backpacks on low hooks

-two and three-year-old classroom: plastic bags were stored under the diaper table; two bottles of air freshener, two bottles of body spray, and a staple remover were stored in unlocked drawers and on a desk; cellophane art paper was stored in a crib; plastic bags and cleaning tools and other hazards were stored in the bathroom accessible to children

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: 5/19/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Please ensure all thorns and vines are cut back from the fencing on the playground area, as well as any other plants that are beginning to grow through the fencing.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please monitor and repair or replace the following areas:
the walls in the downstairs classrooms for chipping paint and holes
ensure the floor is thoroughly cleaned in all classrooms, including the areas behind the trashcans and refrigerator.
monitor the ceiling in all areas for water stains and tiles - including the ceiling tile in the two and three-year-old classroom, where it is beginning to sag
the wooden cabinets around the sink in the three and four-year-old classroom - repair and ensure there are no loose boards or rough edges

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

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

Not Met

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 on an observation that there was a five inch gap at the bottom of the fencing on the back side.

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: 5/19/2022

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 on an observation, the following equipment was not in good repair:

- wooden decking rails and posts were observed to be loose, with chipping paint, splintering wood and exposed nails
- playset equipment had a residue on it and was in need of cleaning
- a climbing wall was lying on the ground

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: 6/4/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on an observation there was one to two inches of resilient surface under the fall zones, and other areas the ground cover was exposed and more surfacing was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2022

Finding

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 based on an observation that the following hazards were present on the playground:

- a foam like material was observed to be cracking and in pieces from the ground cover
- exposed concrete with rough edges was present by the wooden decking
- exposed roots

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 5/19/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Director stated the center is providing catered lunches at this time. Please ensure a menu is posted and followed. Please ensure the meals and menu reflects the USDA guidelines and children are provided water throughout the day and milk with lunch.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are on file for children under the age of one-year-old and the forms are updated every three months or more often as needed.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(2) - Prior to using the kitchen to prepare and serve food please ensure the kitchen is clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Food preparation surface areas shall be nonporous with no unsealed cracks or seams

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on an observation that the diapering tables in the three and four-year-old classroom and two and three-year-old classroom were observed to be stained with a dirt like residue and had rips in the material. The diapering tables were also observed to have residue on the wood, dirt under the diaper pads and on the diaper table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure lids are cleaned each day and remain on trash cans containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Please ensure children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

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-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. There were no infants enrolled in the program on date of visit.

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure crib sheets are changed or laundered daily. Please remove soiled sheets from and ensure no items are stored in cribs.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation that the children's mats were stored stacked with the sheets and blankets touching one another. Please ensure children's bedding is stored individually and does not come in contact with other children's bedding.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

Staff Records

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

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. All staff were observed to have evidence of complete satisfactory background check letters on date of visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2021

Corrected on 5/19/2022

.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that all staff were observed to have evidence of completed satisfactory comprehensive background checks on date of visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2021

Corrected on 5/19/2022

.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that all staff were observed to have evidence of completed satisfactory comprehensive background checks on date of visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14 - Please ensure center first aid kit is complete and classroom first aid kits are stored inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) - Please ensure parental permission is on file for children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.