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Date: 1/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-37053

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/19/2022	Monitoring Visit	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: Infant	Infants	5	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding	
Main	B: T-1	One Year Olds	3	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	C: T2-A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	5	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers	
Main	D: T2-B	Two Year Olds	4	20	C	28	C	NA	NA	Story, Circle Time	
Main	E: T3	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music, Circle Time	
Main	F: PreK-3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music	
Main	G: GA PreK	GA PreK	2	21	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 117						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	29	C
Main	Preschool/School Age	139	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/18/2023

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 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shannon Starkey, 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)

Not Met

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 on observation, that the blue and green vinyl mats, vinyl cubes, and vinyl bolsters in Rooms B: T-1 and C: T-2A were observed to have tears with foam exposed, which prevented them from being kept clean on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2023

Recited on 1/18/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined, based on observation, that floor tiles were observed cracked, missing, and/or loose in the bathrooms of Room E: T-3 and Room G: GA Pre-K on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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 on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed on this date:

- Room D: T-2B – A clear trash bag containing trash was observed accessible to children on the floor of the bathroom. The soap dispenser mounted on the wall was observed to have a crack with sharp edges at the top.
- Room F: PreK-3 – Tape over the name plates on the tables was observed peeling on this date which prevented the tables from being fully cleaned and sanitized. A package of gloves was observed accessible to children stored in the top drawer of the purple drawer storage bin.
- Room G: GA Pre-K – A plastic bag was observed hanging within children’s reach beside the bathroom on this date. A toilet brush and dust pan were observed accessible to children in an unsecured cabinet under the handwashing sink on this date.

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: 1/18/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the ventilation fans in the bathrooms and over the diaper changing areas were free of dust and debris. Please also ensure that the sink in Room E: T-3 drained properly, as it was observed to be slow draining.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure all electrical outlets within children's reach were covered, and two were observed to not be covered in Room C: T-2A on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please monitor the gap at the bottom of the wooden fence between the two playgrounds did not exceed three and a half inches, which would then make it an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

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 on observation, that the swing chains were observed to be rusted and the coverings over the chains were observed to be cracked and coming off on the Preschool/School Age 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: 2/3/2023

Recited on 1/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the climbing and swinging equipment was observed to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and in the fall zones which was observed to be adequately maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playgrounds were observed to be kept clean, free from litter, and free of hazards on this date.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.15(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all baby bottles were observed to be labeled with the individual child's name on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the diaper changing surface was observed to be smooth, nonporous, and in good repair on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for field trips taken on December 2, 2022, to Gay's Christmas Tree Farm and on December 9, 2022, to Maxwell Theatre.

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined, based on observation, that the white trim was observed separated and presented as a potential hazard on the third seat behind the driver on the bus with tag PTB4618. It was further determined that the white trim was observed to be separated and presented as a potential hazard on the partition behind the driver and the second and third seats behind the driver on the bus with tag PTB4617.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the vehicle emergency information records contained the information for the child's primary physician, as one vehicle emergency information record was lacking the phone number for the child's primary physician on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2022

Corrected on 1/18/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the driver was observed to document in writing with a check or other mark/symbol to account for the loading and unloading for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined, based on observation, that mats were observed throughout the center to have tears with foam exposed, which prevented the mats from being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that weighted or fleece sleep sacks, such as Merlin's Magic sleep sacks, are not used without a note from the child's primary physician being on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

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