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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/7/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

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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.
01/07/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/24/2021	Complaint Closure	Support	
11/17/2021	POI Follow Up	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/Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	NC	6	C	8	C	TV, Centers
Main	B/Center	Infants	1	4	NC	4	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C/Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 19							
Total # Children this Date: 14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 19							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	21	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/07/2022

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.decal.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Mushanda Blount-Ray, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2021

Corrected on 1/7/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center had a file for each child enrolled on this date which contained the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2021

Corrected on 1/7/2022

.08(6) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that Center had documentation of children's daily arrival and departure records which shall included at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2021

Corrected on 1/7/2022

.19(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center was observed to maintain licensed capacity in all classrooms and in the Center on this date.

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

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that the center was lacking required information on the Infant Feeding Plan for three of four infants enrolled due to the updated feeding plan not being used on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2022**Recited on 1/7/2022****Correction Deadline: 11/30/2021****Corrected on 1/7/2022**

.15(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the menu was observed to meet USDA requirements and not contain any foods associated with young children's choking incidents on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/24/2021****Corrected on 1/7/2022**

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on staff statement and review of records, in that staff stated that the Center will report within twenty-four hours or the next work day and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open).

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 05/07/2018

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 03/26/1992

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 05/23/2016

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 04/20/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/17/2021****Corrected on 1/7/2022**

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all current employees had comprehensive satisfactory records check determination letters on file on this date dated within the past twelve months.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2021**Corrected on 1/7/2022**

.09(1)(d) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all current employees had comprehensive satisfactory records check determination letters on file on this date dated within the past twelve months.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2021**Corrected on 1/7/2022**

.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all current employees had comprehensive satisfactory records check determination letters on file on this date dated within the past twelve months.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(3) requires a Center with a licensed capacity of 18 or fewer children to maintain Staff-child ratios in mixed-age groups of children under three years old based on the age of the youngest child under three years of age. Where all of the children in any one group are three years of age or older, the age of the majority of the children in the group shall determine the Staff: child ratios . It was determined, based on observation, that one staff was observed providing care for two two-year-old children and two three-year-old children in Room A/Left and four infants in Room B/Center, when two staff were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will determine and maintain Staff: child ratios as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2022**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined, based on observation, that one staff was observed providing supervision for Room A/Left with four children present and Room B/Center with four infants present on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. Each classroom is required to have the appropriate number of staff physically present and providing watchful oversight and direct supervision to the children.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2022