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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/9/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

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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.
06/09/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	1 board		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	142		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	145		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	147	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	149	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	175-3-5yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	176-16-21 yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	179-13-15yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	180-10-12yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	183-6-9yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	184-3-5yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	187-3-5yr		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	191-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Centers
Main	192-3-4yrs	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning, Free Play
Main	195-1-2yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers, Transitioning
Main	196-6-12mth	One Year Olds	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play

Main	Cafeteria	0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 37		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-0-3 yrs	38	C
Main	After School Playground	105	C
Main	B-4-17yrs	92	C

Comments

July 6, 2022--The admin review was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/09/2022

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.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



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!

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)

Sharon Borger, Program Official

Date

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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-.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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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 on the Consultant's observation that there was an unlocked filing cabinet in the afterschool classroom that had these hazardous items present: Lysol, adult scissors, Homeline Scents Linen Fresh Auto Spray, Members Mark Disinfecting Wipes.

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: 6/9/2022

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

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.

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**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that there was a crib mattress present in a crib with a ripped seam and the foam was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

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Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/1991	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

Date of Hire: 02/06/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/13/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2012

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 05/27/2008

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2016

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 06/14/2021

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2003

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 27 Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2012

Staff # 28 Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2003

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment
Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.