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Date: 7/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 3:15 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. 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.
07/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg. 1	1st Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. 1	1st Right	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. 1	2nd Left	Infants	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. 1	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	3rd Left	One Year Olds	3	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers,Circle Time
Bldg. 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	4th Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	4th Right	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Bldg. 1	5th Left	One Year Olds	2	6	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	5th Right	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	6th Left	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. 1	6th Right		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. 1	7th Left	One Year Olds	2	5	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Music
Bldg. 1	7th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg. 1	8th Left	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time,Free Play
Bldg. 1	8th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. II	1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Field Trip

Bldg. II	1st Right	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Bldg. II	2nd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Bldg. II	3rd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	3rd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 122

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 349

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. 1	A	35	C
Bldg. 1	B	45	C
Bldg. 1	C	75	C

Comments

July 19, 2023--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Katherine Lopez, 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-.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

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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 on observation that there was one bicycle handle that was broken on the end and the handle was exposed on a yellow tricycle. Further, there was rust present on the front handles of a red tricycle and a yellow tricycle.

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: 7/29/2023**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 observation that there was a three inch hole on the back right side of the toddler playground. Further, weeds were observed to be present on the fence on located on the left side of the toddler playground.

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: 7/19/2023

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. The Consultant discussed with the Director to keep a copy of the field trip documentation on file at the Center during the time of the field trip so a record of the children in attendance was on hand.

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) **Met**

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Corrected on 7/19/2023

The correction was observed during a review of records.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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