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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/22/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:20 PM

Departure: 4:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
09/21/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/15/2020	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
One bldg.	A	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	24	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Snack
One bldg.	B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	C		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
One bldg.	D-gym	Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	146	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 40

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One bldg.	Playground A	10	C
One bldg.	Playground B	57	C

Comments

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 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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)

Edmund Peabody, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director that chairs should not be unstacked prior to children being in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2021

Corrected on 2/22/2022

The correction was observed during the administrative review.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director that bathrooms should be monitored for strong odors and the fan allowed to run to assist with such odors that may be present.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director that an amendment could be filed for two specific one hour periods each day when only 25 square feet of space per child is provided for children three years of age and older in their assigned rooms or areas. This provision is intended to account for increased attendance for before-school and after-school care.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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 consultant observation that these items that posed a hazard were present in the cabinets of the first classroom to the left: razors, Sure Scents Deodorizer, Fabuloso, and Lysol Disinfectant Spray was on a shelf above the sink. Further these items were present in the cabinets of the first classroom to the right: Bissell Clean & Fresh carpet cleaner, Hoover Deep Clean and Neutralizer, and a sharp tool with yellow handle. Also Victoria Bay Banner Liquid Enzymes Bio Cultures was on a shelf above the sink without a lid present.

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. Safety latches will be placed on cabinets or items that pose a hazard will be stored in a locked cabinet in which children are present at any time.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

Not Met

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 consultant observation that these hazards were present on the playground: ant bed on the right side of the playground, holes throughout the right side of the playground from the fence line being moved, an open grate that was present due to the fence line being moved, a water meter lid was opened, a large rusted nail was present in a rat trap next to the wall of the building, and a large drop off was now accessible to children, also, due to the fence line being moved.

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: 2/22/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director that a menu was required for after school programs if food was provided by the program.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. The consultant discussed with the director that a timer should be placed next to the hand washing sink or clearer instructions provided to children for how long they were required to wash their hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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)**Not Met****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 consultant observation that a bottle of Prestone Antifreeze Coolant and a bottle of Prestone Power Steering Fluid were present on a bus that transported children. Further several seats on multiple buses had exposed foam due to rips and tears in the seams of the seats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/1993	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/18/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2011	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2021

Corrected on 2/22/2022

The correction was observed during the admin review.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.