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Date: 5/25/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-37973

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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.
05/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/02/2022	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
Main	A	Four Year Olds	0	5	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Nap,TV
Main	D		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	Two Year Olds	0	10	NC	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	24	C
Main	Playground smaller	2	C

Comments

May 25, 2023--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/25/2023

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 user id 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ronald Tate, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(14) requires center staff to limit the use of entertainment media, such as television, videotaped programs or movies and video or computer games to no more than two (2) hours daily per child or group; to provide such activities only at times when alternative activities are available for children who choose not to participate; and to use entertainment media that is age-appropriate in accordance with the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). It was determined based on observation that the schoolage children watched Spider-Man: Homecoming during the visit. Further, the movie was Rated PG-13.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have and use procedures to review and select entertainment media that meets these requirements and will train staff to provide alternate activities for children who choose not to participate.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

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.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The Consultant discussed with the Director to submit an amendment for room capacities to be increased for the rooms that were made larger.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022****Corrected on 5/25/2023****The correction was observed on this date.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the water was emptied from the sand box that occurred from rain on May 25, 2023, before children were allowed to play on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/20/2022****Corrected on 5/25/2023**

The seat belts were observed to be operational on the vehicle that ended in license plate 5896. The vehicle that ended in license plate number 5895 was in the shop and was not able to be observed on the date of the visit.

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****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on observation that these items were not present in first aid kits used for transportation:

Kit #1 (vehicle that ended in 5083)--scissors, thermometer, triangular bandage, protective eyewear, protective face mask, sting ease or insect-sting preparation

Kit #2 (vehicle that ended in 5896)--scissors, tweezers, adhesive tape, thermometer, triangular bandage, protective face mask, sting ease or insect-sting preparation

Kit #3 (vehicle that ended in 5895)--This vehicle was not on the premises. and could not be checked.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff. The first aid kit list was provided on this date. The Consultant resent the first aid checklist to the Director for auditing purposes.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023

Recited on 5/25/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

This rule will be evaluated on the following regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there were five four-year-old children in the first room on the left and a staff member was observed to stand at the half-wall and supervise two classrooms. Further, there were 10 two-year-old children in the back left room and one staff member was observed to stand between two classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

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

Met

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date.