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Date: 1/31/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:20 AM Departure: 2:15 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation					
01/31/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support			
11/17/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
06/15/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Main	D	GA PreK	2	1	С	25	С	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F	GA PreK	2	1	С	26	С	NA	NA	Centers
' ' '			Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.					
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 2	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 5	1		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	A-Infant	9	С	
Main	B-Toddler	30	С	
Main	C-Preschool	62	С	
Main	D-School Age	53	С	

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/14/2023

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.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

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://qbi.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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Cheryl Morris, Program Official	Date	Stacy Whitten, Consultant	Date
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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Corrected on 1/31/2023

.12(2) - The previous citation is corrected in that the tables in classroom E have been replaced or repaired on this date. Please continue to follow up and repair or replace equipment and toys as they become broken or in need of repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Discussed with director to monitor the floor rugs in classrooms E and G and clean or replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on an observation that classroom G housed nineteen children on this date when the licensed capacity is listed at 18 children.

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591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met
Finding 591-1-125(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed present on this date: • Right Hallway: The laundry room was unlocked and contained several bottles of cleaning products. • Classroom D: One broom and mop were accessible in the children's bathroom, the cabinet door under the sink was disconnected at the hinges and had two exposed screws. • Classroom G: One box of latex gloves and one bag of children's wipes were accessible to children on a low shelf in the bathroom, and one drawer by the sink was unlocked containing a stapler, crazy glue and two stapler removers. • Classroom H: An unlocked cabinet by the sink contained one bottle of snow spray, one bottle of lysol disinfectant, and one plastic bag with Christmas lights and wires.
Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023
Finding 591-1-125(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following areas were not clean and in good repair: -classrooms D, E, F and H - the bathroom vents were covered with dust and residue
-classroom G - the bathroom vent/light was missing the light shield / cover -classroom H- the sink was observed to be leaking and a small puddle of water was observed present under the sink, the toilet was missing one screw cap from the base, with an exposed screw and rust developing at the base, the wall vent was observed to be covered with dust and residue, a hole was observed to have been spackled on the wall by the circle time area, but the wall was peeling and the spackle was flaking off.

591-1-126 Playgrounds(CR) Not M	et
Finding 591-1-126(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the are t was determined based on observation that the following areas of fencing were in not in good repair on this date:	ll n
back playground: the top of the fencing between the back playgrounds was detached from the top and beginning to detach from the bottom. I right playground: the top of the fencing between the right playgrounds was detached from the top and beginning to detach from the bottom; there was a gap measuring more than three and a half inches at the bottom of the fencing on the back side; and a gap measuring more than three and half inches was present by	
the fencing and wall the fencing on the right side was beginning to detach from the top surrounding the A/C units	
Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023	
Finding 591-1-126(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not imited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds on this date: -exposed concrete was present by the wall / fencing next to the back door and under the sand table one gutter was missing a piece, creating an opening with rough edges -the chains covers on the playground on the right side were beginning to crack and develop rough edges	
Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023	
Food Service	;e
591-1-115 Food Service & Nutrition	et
Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022	
Corrected on 1/31/2023 15(3) - The previous citation is corrected in that all bottles in both infant rooms were observed to be abeled with individual child's names on this date.	
Health and Hygien	ıе

591-1-110 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Not Met
Finding 591-1-110(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be so nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined, based on observation, that a tear with foam exposed was observed in the diaper changing Room B, which prevented the surface from being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized on this date.	ıs
Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023	
Recited on 1/31/2023	
591-1-117 Hygiene(CR) Technical Ass	istance
Technical Assistance 591-1-117(7) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure the children in all classrooms wash their h directly prior to eating or drinking. Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023	ands
591-1-120 Medications(CR)	Met
Comment Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete. Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022 Corrected on 1/31/2023	
.20(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that medication documentation and authorizations observed to be complete on this date.	were
Policies and Proce	dures
591-1-121 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022	
Corrected on 1/31/2023 .21(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that documentation was observed to be completed emergency drills for November and December 2022 on this date.	for
	Safety
591-1-111 Discipline(CR)	Met
Comment Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.	
	Not Met
Comment The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.	

Technical Assistance 591-1-136(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all children who participate in transportation have a documentation of an emergency authorization and permission to transport on the vehicle and at the center.
Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023
Finding 591-1-136(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documentation that there was not evidence of load or unload marks for three children on an afternoon route from Sue Reynolds Elementary School on January 20, 2023.
Finding 591-1-136(7)(c) 3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documentation that there was not a return time documented on an afternoon trip with nine children from Belair K -8 on January 21, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023	
	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
591-1-130 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
Finding 591-1-130(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the chastored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximurand used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, matouching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limit determined, based on observation, that children's blankets were oblankets on this date in classroom H.	n use of play space. When storage is available ats and any bedding to be stored without t on the cot or mat. When such storage is not t separate from other children's bedding and nited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was
Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023 Recited on 1/31/2023	
	Staff Records
591-1-109 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Backgrour	nd Checks(CR) Met
Comment Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. All emplosatisfactory comprehensive background check letters on this date	
Comment Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.	
91-1-133 Staff Training	Met
Correction Deadline: 11/18/2022	
Corrected on 1/31/2023 33(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that employees prientation on this date.	were observed to have evidence of
591-1-131 Staff(CR)	Met
Comment Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulatio Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022	ns.

Corrected on 1/31/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - Correction of the previous citation in that each classroom had a lead teacher with credentials or a learning plan in place on this date.

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591-1-132 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Not Met
Finding 591-1-132(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children age group. It was determined, based on observation, that Room G was observed to have a staff:119; which included one staff member with three three-year-old children and 16 four-year-old date. A staff:child ratio of 2:19 was required.	en in the mixed- f:child ratio of hildren on this
Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023	- – – – – -
Recited on 1/31/2023	
591-1-132 Supervision(CR)	Met

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Comment

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