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Date: 8/8/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:55 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/08/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/25/2022	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
Main	A - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Breakfast
Main	B - 2R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	C - 3R	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	D - Middle	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E - 3L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	35	C	Free Play
Main	F - 2L	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	28	C	Circle Time
Main	G - 1L	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	28	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 105		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 66		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 105		Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Right	22	C
Main	B - Back	139	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on January 19, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/08/2023

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/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

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

Irma Williams, Program Official

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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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2023

Corrected on 8/8/2023

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed vents throughout the center to be working.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023**Corrected on 8/8/2023****.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed potential hazards to be stored inaccessible to children.****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(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 the following:

- classroom C-3R The top hinge on the bottom half of the Dutch door to the bathroom was loose.
- classroom Middle D The cabinet over the changing table was missing a hinge and was hanging loose. The baseboards were loose on the left side of the classroom.
- classroom E-3L The door to the outside area to the left of the building did not close
- classroom G-1L A window at the back of the room was cracked and the floor tiles in the girls' bathroom were cracked.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will make repairs to the doors and repair the changing table. The center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023**Recited on 8/8/2023**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(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 area. It was determined based on observation that a clamp was loose on the gate to the grassy area on the left causing the gate to sag and leaving a gap of approximately five and a half inches on playground B-Back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was approximately four inches of resilient surfacing in the fall zone surrounding the back climber on playground B-Back. Six inches of resilient surfacing was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023**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 the playground PG-B Back had exposed tree roots along the left, right and middle sides of the playground that posed a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor before children are allowed outdoor play time.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Recited on 8/8/2023

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2023

Corrected on 8/8/2023

.15(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed bottles to be labeled with the child's full name.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Corrected on 8/8/2023

.15(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed infants to be fed in high chairs with safety straps.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Corrected on 8/8/2023

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed a working exhaust fan in classroom D-Middle.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a child's hands were not washed upon arrival and another child's hands were not washed before eating in classroom A-1R. Further, a child's hands were not washed after eating breakfast in classroom C-3R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(3) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that medical authorization forms include specific times and dates for administering medication.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with the provider to apply for an amendment to change classroom D-Middle to a diapered room.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure emergency medical records are completely filled out by the parents before transporting children.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep practices.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit January 19, 2023.

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

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff #15, date of hire January 30, 2023, completed first aid/CPR training on May 16, 2023, which was more than ninety days after being hired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

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

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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.