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Date: 1/26/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 7:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/26/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Deficient	
08/30/2022	Licensing Study	Support	
03/31/2022	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 - 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	B - 2L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 3L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - R Hall L	GA PreK	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - 4R	Four Year Olds	3	24	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F - 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	27	NC	24	NC	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	G - 2R	Two Year Olds	3	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H - 1R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I - Middle	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	20	C	25	C	35	C	Centers, Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				
Total # Children this Date: 129						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left	22	C
Main	B - Back	78	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on August 30, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/09/2023

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.decgal.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://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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

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) Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the following vents were not drawing air properly: both bathrooms shared between classrooms D-R Hall L and E-4R, and the bathroom on the right in classroom H-1R.

Dashed lines for additional findings or comments.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

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 observation that twenty-seven children were present in classroom F-3R. Classroom F-3R has a 35 square foot capacity of twenty four.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Defer

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 1/26/2023

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed hazards stored out of reach of children.

Defer

591-1-1-.25(3)-The previous citation was deferred due to a complaint investigation being completed on the same date.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

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 the gate had a gap underneath that measured approximately four inches between playgrounds B and C. Further, the fence had protruding wires along the bottom on playground A.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2022

Corrected on 1/26/2023

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed annual safety check for each vehicle.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the center failed to provide emergency medical forms for one of thirty-two students receiving school transportation services. Further, two of thirty-two forms did not have the name and phone number of the child's doctor.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(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 a review of records that center staff failed to document if a child entered and exited the vehicle or if the child was not present on a morning school transportation route to Puckett's Mill Elementary School on January 18, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document the second check of a vehicle after a morning school transportation route to Puckett's Mill Elementary School on January 25, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that two children under the age of twelve months old were asleep on "Boppy" cushions and swaddled with blankets.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that two children under the age of twelve months old were asleep on "Boppy" cushions and swaddled with blankets.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

Recited on 1/26/2023

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 August 30, 2023

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 1/26/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff hired for more than 90 days to have certification in first aid and CPR.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 1/26/2023

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff hired more than 90 days to have completed health and safety orientation training.

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.