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Date: 7/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/27/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/29/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/22/2022	Complaint Closure	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- 6wks- 6mths		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 6mths-12mths	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3 -4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	D- 18mths - 24 mths	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E- 12mths - 18mths	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 2 yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 3-4yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks-2 yrs	15	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on November 29, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/27/2023

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!

Paula Healy, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Regional Consultant

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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)

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.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that the parents update the following information as needed:

- Parents' work and contact information.
- Parents' work and personal address.
- Emergency contact persons' name and contact information.
- Release to persons' names and address.
- Doctor's name and contact information.
- Allergy/medical information

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

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 that the following areas were not in good repair:

- Classroom B: Chipped plaster was observed on the window sill on the left.
- Classroom D: Chipped plaster was observed on the window sill on the left. .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Recited on 7/27/2023

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with the director to fluff and redistribute the mulch in the fall zone around the playground equipment on Playground A.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated every two to three months.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed that bottles were covered and labeled with child's full name.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(8) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that food not stored in its original container has the content labeled.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 7/27/2023

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that children in care did not have anything around their necks or attached to their clothing.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 7/27/2023

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed changing pads to be in good repair.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 7/27/2023

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of completed emergency drills since last visit November 29, 2022.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Not Evaluated

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) Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 7/27/2023

.30(1)(a)2 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all crib mattresses to be in good condition.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 7/27/2023

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed no items in cribs with sleeping infants.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit November 29, 2022.

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**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff 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.