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Date: 1/5/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-23803

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/05/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/23/2022	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
Building 1	101 1st lft	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Building 1	102 A front	Infants	3	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Floor Play
Building 1	102 B back	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Building 1	103		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	104 4th lft		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 B back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	106 A front	One Year Olds	3	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	106 B back	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	107 A front	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 1	107 B back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering

Building 1	108 1st rt.		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	113 upstairs rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	114 upstairs back	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 241			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 2	116 1st rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	117 2nd rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Building 2	118 3rd rt	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 127			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 306			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	A front	24	C
Building 1	B back lft	43	C
Building 1	C rt	181	C
Building 2	D back	200	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was conduct an Incident Investigation and a Monitoring Visit. Newly hired staff documentation was available for the consultant to review.

Consultant interviewed staff and children pertaining to the Incident Investiation.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring Report was conducted with Tiffany Sparks, the new director of the facility.

Classrooms 103, 104 and 105 A sustained damages due to a frozen pipe during the month of December. Provider is in the process of having the rooms repaired.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/05/2023

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

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Date

Charlene Story, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation, that in Classroom 117 in Building 2, two purses were sitting on a plastic storage bin that was also unlocked with access to adult scissors and white-out. In addition, upstairs in Classroom 114, consultant also observed an unlocked white cabinet near the back bathroom with adult body spray, lotion and a purse hung on the left side of the white cabinet accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 1/5/2023

.26(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The resilient surface beneath the slides on Playground C were observed to measure six inches that is required by the department.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

Corrected on 1/5/2023

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the playground clean and free of any hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed in Classroom 107 B
Staff stated proper diapering procedures in Classrooms 101 and 102 A

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

Comment

Proper hand washing of children was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

Corrected on 1/5/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All cribs in Classrooms 106 and 107 A-Front were observed to be tight-fitting as required.

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-.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.