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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/20/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-54272**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/29/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/27/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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	Room A	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room C		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	44	C
Main	Playground B	23	C

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing study. This visit was conducted on this date. Review of required documentation was completed on this date.

Consutlant and Director discussed completing an Amendment to change Classroom A from non-diapering to diapering. An Exit conference discussing the Licensing study report was conducted on this date with the Provider/Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/20/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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



### 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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

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Tonya Ferguson, Program Official

Date

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Charlene Story, 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 on this date.

**591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete.

### Facility

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.  
Please remind staff to keep toilet brushes in closet.

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

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

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

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the Director/Owner to ensure that hazardous items are stored or locked out of children's reach.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022**

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**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 consultant observation that the fence on Playground A, located by the back gate measured three feet and eight inches and three feet and six inches by the tree. In addition, the fence on Playground B that is located by the parking lot measured three feet and ten inches in the middle and three feet and six inches near the road. Consultant also observed a gap of seven inches located at the corner of the fence by the parking lot and road on Playground B and a gap of four inches at the bottom of the gate separating Playground A and Playground B.

**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: 10/20/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on consultant observation that on Playground B, the green see saw was not anchored securely to the ground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022**

**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 consultant observation the following hazards:

- \* Picnic tables on Playground A and Playground B were splintered
- \* Vines and weeds growing through the fence at the back and side by parking lot of Playground A and the fence along the side by the parking lot of Playground B.
- \* Black tarp was exposed posing a tripping hazard beside the playground equipment, bottom of the steps leading out from the after school classroom and beside the picnic table in the corner of Playground A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director that the surface of the changing mat must be smooth and nonporous.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022**

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

Consultant discussed with staff proper hand washing techniques to use in the classroom.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records, the provider had not performed an emergency drill during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July and August of the year 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2022**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate redirection was observed in Classroom B, the three and four-year-old classroom.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Consultant discussed with the Director the laws on child safety seats when being transported on the bus.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure cots are inaccessible to the children when stored in the classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022**

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/15/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health &amp; Safety Certificate

**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 2	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/08/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 3	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/11/2022	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 7	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/09/2006	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2021	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Evidence observed of six out of eight center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**Comment**

Please replace or add any missing or expired items to your first aid kits.



**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that six out of eight staff members had not completed the required Ten Hour Health and Safety Training within the first 90 days of employment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**

**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.  
Discussed nap time ratios with staff and Director.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.