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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/21/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-56680

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Quality Rated: ★

| 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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| 09/21/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 04/08/2022 | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing | |

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- Far Right (Upstairs) | Infants | 1 | 4 | C | 6 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | B- Front Center (Upstairs) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning, Circle Time |
| Main | C- Far Left (upstairs) | Three Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | D- Back Center (Upstairs) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 9 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | E- Far Left (Downstairs) | Four Year Olds | 2 | 14 | C | 15 | C | 21 | C | Homework, Circle Time |
| Main | F- Front Right (Downstairs) | Five Year Olds | 1 | 11 | C | 14 | C | 20 | C | Circle Time |
| Main | G- Back Right (Downstairs) | | 0 | 0 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | |
| | | | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 53 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Left Playground | 30 | C |
| Main | Right Playground | 28 | C |

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on a visit from April 8, 2022 and conduct a Licensing Study.

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



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!

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)

Tombi Byers, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

Date



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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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the computer monitors are secured and cannot be pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

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 and well organized.

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that the bathroom windows are opened during use.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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 observation that there were staff purses on the floor or on low shelves and accessible to the children in rooms B, F and E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant alerted staff and the purses were moved. 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: 9/21/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 resilience. It was determined based on observation and measurements that:

- * The resilient surface under the slide on the Left Playground that was 42 inches high, was approximately between half and one inch, when at least three (3) inches of depth were required.
- * The resilient surface in the fall zones of the regular swings on the Right Playground measured between half and one inch, when at least six (6) inches were required.
- * The resilient surface in the fall zone of the five and a half feet slide on the Right Playground measured approximately one inch, when at least six inches of depth were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Additional mulch was ordered. 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: 10/1/2022

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that all pacifier attachments are removed.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider reported no medication since the last visit and on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

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 discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Please ensure that all children under eight years of age are in a car seat or booster seat as per Georgia Law requirements.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2022

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2022

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2022

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022 | Met |
| Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022 | Met |
| Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022 | Met |
| Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022 | Met |
| Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022 | Met |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.