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Date: 5/17/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

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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. 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.
05/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/19/2022	Licensing Study	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
Bldg 2	Room B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	28	C	39	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			28		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					
Bldg C-1221	Back Room-infants-twos	One Year Olds	1	2	C	7	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg C-1221	Front Room- infants to twos	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			23		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					
Main	Room A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	NC	24	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			24		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					
Total # Children this Date: 47			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	23	C

Comments

A plan of improvement was left and is due June 01, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/01/2023

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.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@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

KAHAUNANI HOOK, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure there is a lesson plan on site in all classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B there was a a flat screen Roku TV on a desk on the right side of the classroom that poses a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

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

Comment
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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 routinely met by center.

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 observation the following hazards were present and accessible to children in care:

- * Building two (Room B) - Two plastic grocery bags in the middle cubby at the back of the classroom. Additionally, the rug was uplifted.
 - * Building C (Front room) - Aquaphor cream, labeled, "Keep out of reach of children" was located under the diaper changing table. Additionally, Febreeze and hand sanitizer was located on top of the counter near the changing table.
 - * Main building (Room A) - Baby wipes in a pink and purple backpack inside a cubby on the right side of the classroom.
 - * Main building (Room A) - Hand sanitizer, labeled "Keep out of reach of children" was located near the sink on the right side of the classroom.
 - * Main building (Room A) - Dawn dish spray, labeled "Keep out of reach of children" was located near the sink on the right side of the classroom.
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Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 fence on the left, right and rear near the parking did not measure (4) feet high but measured (3) feet (11) inches. Additionally, the fence located in the back rear had a gap underneath that measured approximately seven inches which was an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2023

Corrected on 5/17/2023
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Food Service

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

Comment

The parents provide meals. The director reported that if additional food items are missing they have extra food items on site.

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

Comment

The center does not have a kitchen. The parents provide the meals. The refrigerators and microwaves were clean.

Health and Hygiene

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 currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that they use the current drill document that documents fire drill, smoke detector, Tornado drill, fire extinguisher, lockdown, and review emergency plans procedures.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

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) **Met**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that building C (Front room) had two out of 10 cribs with loose fitting sheets.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

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 2 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 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) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom A had four, two-year-olds mixed with seven four-year-olds. There was no waiver on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.