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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/15/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

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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.
08/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/22/2021	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	Room A	Infants	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room F (in front of Room A)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	31	C

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 15, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 22, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 29, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 1 855-800-7747 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)

Danielle Chappell, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, 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

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The center was observed to be within the licensed capacity

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 that in the hall bathroom used for Classroom E there was an unlocked closet with a container of Wipe Out cleansing wipes and a spray bottle of disinfectant labeled "Keep out of reach of children." accessible to children in care.

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: 8/16/2022

Recited on 8/15/2022

Technical Assistance

There was an unlocked closet in Classroom E. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.25(19) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Children were housed in licensed areas for children's activity.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.15(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Bottles were observed to be refrigerated and labeled.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.10(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The Infant classroom window was open to allow for ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.10(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The changing pad in classroom B was smooth and nonporous.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.10(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The diapering area was observed to be clear of food preparation and clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Children were reminded to wash hands as required and the handwashing sinks were operable.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Staff were observed to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required. The portable handwashing sinks were operable.

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)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022****Corrected on 8/15/2022****.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected. The crib mattresses were observed to have been replaced with mattresses that were 2 inches thick as required.****Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022****Corrected on 8/15/2022****.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected. The crib sheets were made to be tight fitting with elastic crib sheet straps.****Technical Assistance**

Cots were uncovered and stored in the passage way to the playground exit. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that if cots and mats are stored where accessible to children they need to be covered to prevent access.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/21/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 12/28/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5

Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 12/21/2021

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.32(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The class size ratio were observed to be met for all classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The staff was observed to supervise children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child.