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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/13/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-24637

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/13/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
08/30/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/19/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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-1st Right-	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd rt- 0-12 mos	Infants	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 1st Left -New- 2 y/o	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-3rd right- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-4th Right- 4 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-3rd Left- End- 5+		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G- Pre-K	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H-new room	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 74			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-6wks-3 years	28	C
Main	B 3-12 years	95	C

Comments

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Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/13/2022

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/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)

Vernancy Asghar, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that the following equipment hazards were observed accessible to children:

A-1st Right-

- The cardboard blocks were torn

E-4th Right- 4 y/o

- The blue vinyl couch was torn at the seat, the back of the couch, and the left and right arms with exposed foam.

H-new room

- The brown vinyl couch was worn at both arms and at the front of the seat.
- The blue chair vinyl was torn at the right arm with exposed foam and there was a large hole in the back

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2022

Recited on 12/13/2022

Facility

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

A-1st Right-

- A toilet brush was in the bathroom.

D-3rd right-3 y/o

- Three packs of Huggies baby wipes, one pack of Pampers baby wipes, one pack of Gentle Steps baby wipes, and a pack of Parents Choice Sensitive baby wipes were in children's cubbies.

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: 12/13/2022

Recited on 12/13/2022

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the fence had been repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that two out of four tricycle seats were cracked and the right handle bar was missing from a tricycle on this date. It was further determined that on the toddler playground, the seat was cracked on the four-wheel drive truck, and a crack was at the top of the small climber.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022

Recited on 12/13/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

.07(5) - The previous citation was corrected.

Safety

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant had observed that the seats had been repaired on the vehicle used for transportation tag (BPB 9984).

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was corrected. There were no field trips conducted since July 19, 2022.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2027 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/05/2020	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/19/2009	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 03/22/2011	Met
Staff # 22	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

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

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022
.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 12/13/2022
.31(13) - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined that vehicle with tag (BPB 9984) had a current registration and that the vehicle with tag (TBN 8850) was no longer in use.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.32(7) - Supervision requirements were discussed with Staff.
Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022