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Date: 3/1/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:50 AM **Departure:** 2:15 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.
03/01/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/15/2022	Complaint Closure	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	A1-Infants	Infants	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	A2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Feeding
Main	A4-3 year olds		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A5-4 year olds	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A6-4 year olds	GA PreK	1	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	A7-School Age		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	B1-Infants	Infants	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B2-1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B3-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	B4-2 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B5-4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 130			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PA 1 3- 12 years	50	C
Main	PA 1 Infant-2 years	23	C
Main	PA 3 infants-2 year olds	33	C
Main	PA 4 3-12 year olds	47	C
Main	PA 5- Back	21	C

Comments

Licensing Study completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/01/2023

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.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

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 user id 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all play equipment is in good repair as required. The play kitchen set in Classroom B5 was broken on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area as required in Classroom A2 and A3.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked. A n inspection of the pool was completed on June 13, 2022.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

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

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

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

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following was not in good repair as required:

- * The diaper changing table in Classroom A1 had peeling paint.
- * The handle of the boy's bathroom door in Classroom A5 was not properly attached to the door which was a pinching hazard.
- * The light in the girl's bathroom of the School Aged classroom was not covered.
- * Stained ceiling tiles were present in Classroom B5 in the girl's bathroom. Additionally, stained ceiling tiles were present throughout in Classroom B3, B4 and in the boy's and girl's bathroom.
- * The boy's bathroom toilet was not in working order in Classroom B3.
- * The light in the ceiling of Classroom B4 was out as it was not working.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 on observation the following playground equipment was not in good repair:

- * Rust and chipped paint was present on the blue and red seesaw and on the red merry go on Playground A 1 in which the three-year-old to 12 year-old children utilize. Additionally, the metal at the top of the stairway of the tan, burgundy and green climbing structure had exposed rust present.
- * Rust and chipped paint was present on the red, yellow and blue tunnel on Playground PA1 in which the infants up to two-year-old children utilize. Additionally, the stationary red rider with blue steering wheels had chipped paint and rust present.
- * Rust and chipped paint was present on the yellow stationary bus with blue steering wheels on Playground PA3 in which the infants up to two-year-old children utilize. Additionally, the handles of the swing sets of the four bucket seats were dirty.
- * Rusted "S" hooks and "O" hooks were present on the four swing sets on Playground PA4 in which the three-year-old to 12 year-old children utilize.

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: 3/15/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and staff members on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the diaper changing surface guard rails are in good repair to include repairs for chipped paint and ensure the rails are secured at the base of each end part in Classroom A1.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation and staff statements children's hands were not washed with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and/or contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

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

N/A

Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills for 2022 as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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)**Not Met****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for both vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in LF007 was completed on October 17, 2022 and tag number ending in LF008 was completed on October 13, 2022.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records on February 9, 2023 the driver or other designated person did not immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist during afterschool transportation back to the center as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation sheets for children's mats in Classroom B5 were not kept separate from other children's bedding in that sheets were stored in the closet touching each other.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on November 15, 2022.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records two staff members did not complete hands on in person First Aid and CPR within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2022.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation staff members in Classroom A3, B4 and B5 failed to provide adequate supervision of children three-years-old and under during breakfast as they were not sitting within arm's length of the children to monitor for choking.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023