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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/7/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:05 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-23650

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/17/2021	Licensing Study	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 the 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-Cruisers	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	B-Creepers	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play
Main	C-Explorers	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-Trail blazers		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-Navigators	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-Jaquars	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (infants & ones)	10	C
Main	B (twos)	15	C
Main	C (3-4 year old)	34	C

Comments

A joint visit was conducted on this date. All staff files were reviewed during the visit. The center does not provide transportation and does not dispense any medication.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/07/2022

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/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



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)

Kimberly Simmons, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, 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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12 - The consultant observed a brown vinyl chair in classroom F to have the bottom busted out and a blue vinyl couch in classroom E to have peeling vinyl. The consultant discussed with the provider about removing, replacing, or repairing these pieces of furniture. A blue vinyl couch and chair that had exposed foam was removed from classroom C.

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

N/A

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

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

Corrected on 12/7/2022

.08(1) - Consultant observed that five out of five children's records were correct on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care.

-Outside each classroom door there was a bottle of hand sanitizer labeled keep out of reach of children.

-In classroom F (Jaguars) under the hands washing sink was a citrus disinfectant, Gojo Soap, a fabric freshener spray, a bucket of 70% alcohol wipes labeled keep out of reach of children and a container of plastic bags.

-In classroom E (Navigators) under the hand washing sink was a bottle of rubbing alcohol labeled keep out of reach of children, plastic bags, and a box of magic erasers that were labeled keep out of reach of children.

-In classroom F and E the cleaning tools were by the hand washing sinks and accessible to the children.

-In classroom F there was a bottle of hand sanitizer on top of a child sized shelf that was 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. During the visit the center staff started putting away the items labeled keep out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

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 resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the playground the resilient surfacing had large sticks that measured between eight and a half inches long and one inch thick and 15 1/2 inches long and a half inch thick posing a hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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.

Resilient surface materials may be uniform or loose fill materials. Uniform materials are rubber mats/surfaces or similar materials held in place by a binder. Test data must be obtained from the manufacturer of the material when it is used. The test data should include the ASTM International (ASTM) Standard Specifications and should be maintained on file at the center. Examples of acceptable loose fill materials include sand, pea gravel, wood chips, wood mulch, and shredded rubber. Resilient surface materials should not include sharp jagged edges, splintered wood, large pieces, etc.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the roots on the playground posed a tripping hazard and needed to be sprayed so that there was a visual deterrent. Additionally, a three foot long active ant bed was observed between the Pre-K playground and the toddler playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

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-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The consultant observed one of twenty-one nap cots to be torn and frayed on the side. The consultant discussed having the cot repaired and not used until it was repaired. The teacher stated that they had extra cots and would remove the frayed cot from the classroom.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/14/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2022

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

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2007

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/18/2009

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2000

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/1987

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2012

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/1997

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

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.