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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/28/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/28/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/12/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/12/2020	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 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	B-Gabriel	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-Sarah		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	David		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Seraphine		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-Eagles		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-Asher		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	J- Daniel		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Jonah	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK	1	9	C	17	C	24	C	Nap
Main	Michael		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169				
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 169				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	32	C
Main	B- Preschool	102	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 28, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 28, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Cera Wallace, Program Official

Date

Leena Mitchell, Consultant

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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A virtual walk through was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon the virtual walk through, a variety of equipment was observed to be clean, properly secured, and in good repair.

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

Met

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

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.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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)**Met****Comment**

A virtual walk through was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center appeared to be clean, well maintained, and safe from hazardous condition upon virtual walk through.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
 - Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
 - Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.)
 - Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
 - Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.
 - Fluff and redistribute resilient surface as needed.
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Food Service

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

The consultant discussed the revision as of October 1, 2020, which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalf.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff and children during virtual visit.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that a fire drill was not conducted in August and tornado and lock down drills were not conducted every six months as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2022

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.22 - Consultant discussed with provider that as of July 1, 2021, custodial parent(s) of the child shall be permitted access to all child care areas of the child care program at any time their child is in attendance.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2021

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

The consultant discussed the updated required reporting requirements regarding suspected cases of child abuse (at the center and/or home) reported to the Department of Family and Children Services, communicable illness required to be reported to the Department of Public Health, and temporary closure of the center via DECAL KOALA.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director 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) **Met**

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have a current vehicle inspection report on file:

- Vehicle Tag # - QAB 542 - Expires June 14, 2022.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2019	
Staff # 6	Met

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/11/2021

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

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2018

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2021

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

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2021

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

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2020

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

The director provided six files for staff members hired since the previous visit conducted on May 12, 2021. The consultant observed six of six newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Complete first aid kit observed in center.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Director on this date.