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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/24/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-50217

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/24/2022	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/24/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
05/04/2022	Complaint Closure	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: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Breakfast
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C: 3R: two's	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D: 4R : three's	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	PreK	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	PreK	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	I: 4L: three's	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	K: 2L: one's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 123					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/24/2022

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)

Kim Barger, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that Classrooms 1L, 2L, 3L, 5L, 2R, 3R and 4R did not have lesson plans for the current week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

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 on that the blue couches in Classrooms 5R, and 6R and the blue chairs in 6R and ^L are showing exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers	
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers	

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that th following items were missing from enrollment applications:

- four of five did not have parents work information
- two of five did not have the doctor's name and/or phone number listed
- two of five did not have the full address of the release person(s)

Facility

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)

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 the following hazards were accessible:

2nd Left Classroom:

baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" and rubber gloves on the diapering station
baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" in the bottom of the diapering station that was unlocked

3rd Right:

rubber gloves on the diapering station that pose a suffocation hazard

4th Right:

rubber gloves that pose a suffocation hazard and adult scissors on a shelf within reach

4th Left:

rubber gloves on a shelf within reach that pose a suffocation hazard

3rd Right:

toilet brush next to toilet in restroom
rubber gloves that pose a suffocation hazard on a table within reach

5th Right:

broom dust pan and floor sweeper next to the 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: 10/24/2022

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the side and bottom of the black gate on the front left playground gaps need to be covered so it does not pose an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

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 that the following hazards were present on the middle left playground:

yellow race car was missing a steering wheel
red metal house was rusted and the wooden seat was observed to be chipping wood

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: 11/3/2022

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 following items were observed on center playgrounds:

Back Playground:

pine cones

trash in that cups and loose items such as wrappers and tissues were observed

Concrete sidewalks were not flush on left and right playgrounds that had approximately a six n gap in areas that posed a tripping hazard.

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: 10/24/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that food was stored in rubber containers within the refrigerator, and cookies and cereal were outside the ordinal containers and not labeled as to their contents.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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 that two children entered the 2nd Left Classroom for the day and were not required to wash hands and went to circle time.

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: 10/24/2022

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the 2L classroom was made into a non-diapering room when diapering children are enrolled and the 3L and 3R was made into a diapering room from a non-diapering room with no application to amend.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed transportation training requirements.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2022

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the black plastic around the bus seat needs to be repaired and the trash cleaned up out of the floors.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that cribs with plexiglass still need to be spaced accordingly.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 32****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 11/05/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/16/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 11/05/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 02/15/2022	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/02/2022 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing	Not Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/22/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/24/2022 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing	Not Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	Met
Staff # 11	Met

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 07/29/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2013

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2022

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

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2022

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

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2014

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 12/31/2005

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2018

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2018

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2005

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2014

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2019

Staff # 26 Met

Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Date of Hire: 10/17/2022

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

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2020

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 29

Met

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2022

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

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2021

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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 that one staff member hired in May 2022 did not have first aid and CPR within 90 days of hire.

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: 11/23/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that all staff have documentation of orientation prior to being placed in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2022

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2021

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.32(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year old for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Right Classroom two-year-old children and three-year-old children were housed together with no parental permission.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Visit:

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.07(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.29(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.11(2) - Citation observe to be corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022
.32(7) - Citation corrected.