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Date: 1/23/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 5:20 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. 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.
01/23/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/19/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and GA PreK	2	13	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool	GA PreK	0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds and GA PreK	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and GA PreK	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants and GA PreK	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play,Floor Play
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds and GA PreK	3	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and GA PreK	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds and GA PreK	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C
Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Complaint Investiagtion.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2023

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.al.ga.gov/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

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)



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 Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that current lesson plans are posted in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

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 red vinyl couch in the library center in the LW-3R-Pre-K 3 Classroom had three tears along the front edge of the seat and five tears along the back edge of the seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff do not stack chairs when children are present in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based upon observation that the air conditioning unit cover in the RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2 Classroom was not secure and detached from the unit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023**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:

RW-1R-Toddler 1

- Two brooms, two dust pans, and a vacuum were in an opened closet.
- A pack of Up and Up Sensitive baby wipes were in a bag in an unlocked closet.

RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2

- Two plastic grocery bags were in a cubby.

RW-4L-Preschool 3

- A tube of Carmex Daily Care lip balm and a pack of Pampers Sensitive wipes were in a child's bookbag.
- Twelve containers of glitter were in an unlocked cabinet.

RW-3L-Private-Pre-K4

- A mop was in an unlocked closet.

LW-1R-Pre-K1

- A plunger was under the sink used for handwashing in the bathroom.

LW-2R-Pre-K2

- A bottle of Purell Hand Sanitizer was on a shelf.
- A glue gun, 13 metal prongs, four safety pins, one sewing needle, one mini screw driver, one roll of magnetic tape, two staplers, one pack of staples, and two packs of hot glue sticks were in an unlocked drawer.
- Two packs of Huggies Natural Care baby wipes, one pack of Comforts baby wipes, one pack of Pampers Sensitive baby wipes, one pack of Kirklands baby wipes, and one pack of Pampers Impressions baby wipes were in an unlocked cabinet under the sink.
- Two staff bags, a broom, one dust pan, a bottle of Equate Extra Strength Pain Reliever Acetaminophen 500 mg, a bottle of Equate Dye Free Ibuprofen, a bottle of CVS Health Tension Headache Acetaminophen, a bottle labeled Bleach Water with an unknown substance, A bottle Labeled Lysol Multi Cleaner with an unknown substance, a bottle of Clorox Cleanup Disinfectant Cleaner with Bleach were in an unlocked closet.

LW-2L-Early 4

- A pack of Members Mark wipes were on the counter by the sink used for handwashing.
- Five plastic grocery bags, two trash bags, and one pack of Cintas Moisturizing Foam Hand Soap were in an unlocked drawer.
- Two plungers were in the Girls bathroom.

LW-1L-Private Pre-K

- A broom and dust pan were leaning against the wall outside the girls bathroom.

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: 1/23/2023

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

Not Met

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 the following playground equipment hazards existed:

Right Back Playground

- The green slide was cracked on the left and right side of the seat.
- The pink Radio Flyer tricycle had a cracked seat and was missing two handle bar grips.
- The Little Tike red and yellow car was missing the door and had a crack in the driver's side.
- Two out of four swing chains were rusty on this date.

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: 2/3/2023

Recited on 1/23/2023

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 upon observation that there was a plastic grocery bag with soiled diapers hanging on the fence on the Front Right Playground. It was further determined that a plastic grocery bag of trash was hanging on a nail on the exterior of the building on the Back Right 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: 1/23/2023

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that mats are either repaired or replaced when needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

Staff Records

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - The Consultant and Director discussed proper supervision of children on this date.