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**Date:** 6/13/2023    **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:55 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-51649**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/13/2023	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/04/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	Incident 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	A Two's		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back Upstairs B 4-year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C Infants	One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D After school	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Downstairs Back Room D-5+ year olds		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs Front Room E School age	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Upstairs front Room A-Infant		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs Middle Room C - 3 year		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	156	C

## Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and conduct a Licensing Visit/ Plan of Improvement Follow Up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2023

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.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](http://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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Kara Wright, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

**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 review of records that there were no current lesson plans in any of the rooms.

**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: 6/13/2023**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

The program has the following capacity limitations:

Licensed capacity for the program is 57. However the not licensed rooms downstairs appear on the visit form and show capacity of 92.

**Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023**

**Corrected on 6/13/2023**

**.19(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as the Director stated proper knowledge and the appropriate number of children were observed in each room.**

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

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed the use of essential oils and oil warmers. Provided a handout on appropriate use/requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that soiled blankets are stored inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**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 on observation that the following hazards were stored accessible to the children:

- \* A teacher's purse in room D After School was placed on a table.
- \* A teacher's purse was placed on top of the cubbies in room Back Upstairs B.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director removed while consultant was on site. 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: 6/13/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(17) - Please ensure that the vines growing on the fence and the porch are cut down and made inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the exhaust vents are free of dust and the blinds are repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that the outlets not in use are covered.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2023**

**Corrected on 6/13/2023**

**.26(3) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as consultant observed that there was a closed gate on the route to the playground. The route was observed to be safe.**

**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 and measurements that :

\* The mulch in the fall zones of the six feet tall slide measured between one and two inches in depth, when at least six inches in the entrance and exit zones were required.

\* The mulch in the fall zone under and around the arch climber and the yellow climber measured between one and two inches when at least six inches were required.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023**

**Food Service**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that the updated Infant Feeding Plan form is used. Consultant provided a copy.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that one child in room C Infants had a pacifier attached to the clothing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Organization**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Discussed with the Director that the following Amendments need to be submitted:

- \* Change the type of room for the room downstairs from Non Diaper to Diaper. Currently it houses one and two year old children and has a diaper table,sink, functioning exhaust and a bathroom.
- \* Remove the three rooms downstairs that are not licensed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Comment**

Transportation was last done in May, 2023. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that the Transportation Training for the Director had expired on February 6, 2022

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Discussed using booster/car seats for all children younger than eight years of age. Consultant provided a Fact Sheet for the 12 passenger van.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that two of the crib mattresses had tears and one was less than two inches thick.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

**Staff Records**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that maintenance staff is supervised at all times if doing repairs during hours of operation with the children present.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5) - Please ensure that staff has at least 10 hours of Annual Training each year.

**Correction Deadline: 7/13/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Discussed with the Director to develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's who do not possess the educational credential or degree listed in 591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.(i) through (xii). A sample form was provided on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2023**

**Corrected on 6/13/2023**

**.32(7) - Previous citation was corrected, as adequate supervision was observed.**