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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/7/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/07/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Support
09/07/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
04/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A - 1R	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	26	C	Nap
Main	Room B - Middle R	One Year Olds	0	2	NC	5	C	7	C	Circle Time,Nap
Main	Room C - Rear L	One Year Olds	0	7	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - 1L	Infants	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 47

Total # Children this Date: 19

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	65	C

Comments

September 7, 2022--The visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/21/2022

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)

Michele Hutchinson, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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 the director's statement that the three-year-old classroom did not have current lesson plans.

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Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2022

Corrected on 9/7/2022

Toys were observed to be present on shelves on this date.

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

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

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 children had access to an active ant bed located near the back left side of the playground, ants present throughout the playground, and black tarp and black landscaping material which posed a tripping hazard. In addition, children had access to stacked toys and equipment placed next to the building.

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Correction Deadline: 9/10/2022

Recited on 9/7/2022

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 9/7/2022

The correction was observed. The Director stated the mayonnaise was out so she could make a sandwich on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021

Corrected on 9/7/2022

No pacifier clips were observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 9/7/2022

Staff stated proper knowledge on this date.

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

Comment

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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 a review of records that no tornado drills were conducted since January 2022.

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Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Technical Assistance

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The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center was required to permit the custodial Parent(s) of the child access to all child care areas of the Center at any time the child is in attendance. The custodial Parent(s) shall make his or her presence known to Center Staff prior to removing the child from the Center.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed 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

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021

Corrected on 9/7/2022

The Director stated transportation was no longer being provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 9/7/2022

Sheets appeared clean on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2022

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2019

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2026

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2021

Corrected on 9/7/2022

The correction was observed during a review of records. All staff that were required to have First Aid and CPR had the training on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2021

Corrected on 9/7/2022

The correction was observed during a review of records. The Consultant reminded the Director that Health and Safety would only be counted one time towards annual training.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there were seven toddlers in Room C and a staff member was not physically present in the classroom. Further, the staff member present was in Room D. Also, there were two toddlers in Room B and a staff member was not physically present in the classroom. Further, the staff member was in Room A.

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Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that one staff member solely supervised Room A containing seven three-year-olds and Room B containing two one-year-olds during nap time. Further, another staff member solely supervised Room C containing seven one-year-olds and Room D containing three infants during nap time.

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