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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/16/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM

Departure: 1:10 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.
11/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/15/2021	Licensing Study	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
Building 2	A - Infants - 18 mths		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 2	B - 18 mths - 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	C1 - 3 yrs - 4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 2	C2 - 5 yrs - 13 yrs		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Main	A - All ages		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- all ages		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground	34	C
Main	All Ages	7	C

Comments

Licensing Study conducted this date.

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)

charlene simmons, Program Official

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12 - Please ensure fish tanks or any equipment that could pose a tipping hazard is secured.

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: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Child # 4

Met

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Finding

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 observation of children records that physician contact information and emergency contact information was missing for Child # 1 and complete authorized release addresses was missing for Child # 5.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022

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

Please ensure ventilation fans are maintained clean and free of dust.

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(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that several ceiling tiles were stained in the upstairs 1L classroom (toddlers, and a hole was observed in the wall on the far right side downstairs. Additionally,, an accumulation of dust was observed on the ventilation fans in both the upstairs and downstairs restrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed. It was discussed that the ceiling tiles could be painted. The center will implement a plan to regularly check these items to ensure they are maintained in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022**Recited on 11/16/2022**

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that a gap of up to a[approximately eight inches was observed at the bottom of the fencing at the rear portion of the play area directly in front of the area that contained a picnic table. A gap of over six inches was observed in between the gate and the fencing material on the right side of the play area, posing a possible entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022

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 a trampoline, metal parts from the trampoline, a kiddie swimming pool, and other debris was accessible on concrete area next to the door leading to the preschool/Pre-k classroom. A tarp was observed to be hanging off the yellow play structure and was partly loose on the ground. Weeds and kudzu were observed accessible and growing through the fencing on the right side of the play area.

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: 11/16/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Please ensure that trash is stored in closed or covered trash cans.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

There were no children in diapers in care.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.22 - Please ensure parents and guardians have access to all areas in which their children are located.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

There were no infant children enrolled. Cots and mats were observed this date for the older children observed in care.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Discussed staff training. Please ensure current year and previous year's annual (10 hours) of training is maintained in the files, along with Health and Safety Orientation, Food Service/ Nutrition training and Transportation training. It was discussed that all older training other than the ones listed could be removed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2021

Corrected on 11/16/2022

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Previous cite corrected.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Discussed that the downstairs area was two separately licensed spaces. Please ensure if children are on side of the larger area that staff is situated on the same side as the children at all times.