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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/31/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:40 AM

Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-50960

Arthur M. Blank Early Learning Center at E.A. Ware

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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.
10/31/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/04/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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 (#1)	Infants	2	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room B (#2)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room C (#3)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D (#4)	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	Room E (#5)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	Room F (#6)	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Preschool Playground	95	C
Main	Toddler Playground	23	C

Comments

LS completed on site this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/31/2022

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)

Zarinah Winston, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Discussed milk alternatives and ensuring that they meet nutritional guidelines and ensuring an exemption for allergy/medical reasons or religious reasons is maintained on file.

Discussed that if meals were to be served family style or served by staff in the classrooms that measuring spoons and utensils should be provided.

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**

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based observation that parental authorization and the physician's note for albuterol asthma medicine stored in room 4 was older than twelve months. The medication had not been dispensed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily. The center will ensure authorizations for emergency medication is dated within the last twelve months.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

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/or redirection observed.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure crib sheets are tight-fitting but do not compromise the fit of the crib mattress in the bottom of the crib.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 50

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 08/25/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2017	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2006	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2019

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2019

Staff # 30 Met

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2018

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2022

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

Staff # 33 Met

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 02/05/2018

Staff # 35 Met

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2019

Staff # 37 Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/2019

Staff # 38 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2018

Staff # 39 Met

Staff # 40 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2022

Staff # 41 Met

Staff # 42 Met

Staff # 43 Met

Date of Hire: 05/16/2022

Staff # 44 Met

Records Reviewed: 50

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 45 Met

Staff # 46 Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 47 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2019

Staff # 48 Met

Staff # 49 Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2022

Staff # 50 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2021

**Corrected on 10/31/2022
.09(1)(j) - Previous cite corrected.**

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

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2021

**Corrected on 10/31/2022
.14(1) - Previous cite corrected.**

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.24(1) - Please ensure orientation is completed for all direct care staff and substitute staff on the first date of employment and the hire date is noted on the form.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Discussed staff training. Please ensure if substitute staff is on the premises long-term that Health and Safety Orientation and CPR/FA is obtained within 90 days of employment.

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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.