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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/5/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-37385

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Quality Rated: No

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.
12/05/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/26/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
02/04/2022	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
Bld 1	Garden	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld 1	Honeycomb	Infants	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Bld 1	Rosemary	One Year Olds	1	7	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld 1	Tadpoles	Infants	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld 1	Terrance	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld 1	Willow	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg II	Butterflies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg II	Caterpillars	Infants	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg II	Lilacs	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg II	Sprouts	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg II	Sunflowers	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg II	Upper- Magnolia		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 122					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 128			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 272			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C
Bld 1	large	241	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/05/2022

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/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

**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)

Natesha Cobb, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, Consultant

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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(1) requires the Center to provide a daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities to promote social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy growth. Center Staff shall use a variety of teaching methods to accommodate the needs of the children's different learning styles. It was determined based on observation that the lesson plan in the Honeycomb room was dated for October 19, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan a program that includes a variety of developmentally appropriate activities that are provided daily, train Staff to use various teaching methods, and monitor both.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

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)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 2 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Documentation procedures were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fans were not working in the Garden room bathrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2023

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(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 items were accessible to children in the following rooms:

Garden- first aid bag on a shelf, RIT cleaner in an unlocked cabinet, mop bucket with standing water in the children's bathroom

Terrace-first aid bag on the floor near the window, bug repellent and lotion on a shelf, sunscreen in a child's cubbie

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: 12/5/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation that the refrigerators in the following rooms were not equipped with a thermometer: Terrace, Willow, Rosemary, Lilac, Sunflowers and Sprouts.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2022

Corrected on 12/5/2022

.29(3) - The previous citation was corrected.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 43****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/10/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 06/13/2022	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/17/2015	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 06/11/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/29/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/18/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/13/2022	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 11/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/19/2022	Met

Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/14/2022	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 05/23/2022	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/09/2022	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 06/14/2022	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 09/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 04/12/2022	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 04/13/2015	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 06/21/2022	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	Met

Records Reviewed: 43

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 05/26/2022	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 10/23/2019	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 05/11/2022	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 09/26/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 06/30/2022	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 10/05/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 07/20/2022	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 07/21/2021	Met
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 09/09/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.