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Date: 4/15/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 12:10 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.
04/15/2024	Licensing Study	Support	
11/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/30/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A: 2L : infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Diapering
Main	B: rt hall: 1L: preschool	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	C: rt hall: 2L : Lunch room		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: rt hall: 3L : Toddlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E : rt hall: 4L (School Age)		0	0	C	49	C	NA	NA	
Main	F: rt hall: 2R: (GA PK)	GA PreK	2	20	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G: rt hall: 1R: (GA PreK)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	H:Lt hall: 1L: (Staff Lounge)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 46						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pldg B - older children	133	C

Comments

A plan of improvement is to be submitted by April 24, 2024 in decal koala.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/29/2024

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.decal.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 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that lesson plans are current, posted and meeting all requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child was not secured in the feeding chair with the safety straps in Room A.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed confining equipment time frames.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that restroom are cleaned accordingly.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

Room B:

plastic bags in cubbies which posed a suffocation hazard
baby wipes in cubbies which posed a suffocation hazard

Room C:

plastic bags in cubbies which pose a suffocation hazard
baby wipes in a bag which pose a suffocation hazard

Room D:

plastic bags which pose a suffocation hazard

Room E:

trash bags on the sink which pose a suffocation hazard

Room F:

plastic bags which pose a suffocation hazard in the cubbies
white out which read "keep out of reach of children" on a shelf within reach

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed cleaning ventilation vents to remove dust and the metal frame on the ceiling around the light in Room B is hanging and needs repaired.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed repairing the right side gate so a gap is not exposed posing an entrapment hazard. In addition, areas of fencing measure 44 inches and not the required 48 inches so please ensure the fencing meets requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined the following items were in need of repair:

Right Playground- A yellow race car had a small crack on the front.

Back Playground-Two white horses and a yellow bouncer had exposed rust and the step on the large play equipment had chipped yellow paint.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed treating for vegetation coming through fencing and picking up trash.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Food Service

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

Not Met

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Please ensure that menus are changed to reflect what is being fed that day.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that the one of three infant feeding plans did not have the parent's initials or information regarding introduction to solid foods.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Recited on 4/15/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.15(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.07(5) - Corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not wash their hands prior to changing a diaper in Room A.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that Room D was used as a diapering room and an application was not submitted to change the room from a non-diapering room to a diapering room.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed cleaning out the van floors removing trash.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all emergency medical forms have all required information (work numbers, home numbers, physician numbers)

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that an infant was placed in a crib with a blanket. It was further determined that an infant was sleeping in a bouncer upon arrival with a bib attached to their neck.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was sleeping in a bouncener upon apprival to the room. The infant remained in bouncer until asked to remove the child prior to leaving the room as no doctor's note was on file.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Staff Records

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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 one staff member walked out of in Room B into the hallway leaving one staff member in the room with 17 three-year-old children. A staff:child ratio of 2:17 was required.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.