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Date: 8/29/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:25 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-35766

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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.
08/29/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/09/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	1R-Freshman III	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	1st L Infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd R Sophmores II	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3rd L E-SophmoresIII	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd R Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	4th L-Sophmores IV	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th R Junior I	GA PreK	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	5L Kindergarten	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	5th R Afterschool	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	6th R Afterschoolers	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C-Sophmores I	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Licensing study visit was completed on 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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Bridgett Friend, Program Official

Date

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the hand rails on the diaper changing table are free of chipped paint in the first right infant classroom. Additionally, please ensure the hand rails in Classroom C are free of rust as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain.

Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure vines from flowers and/or other vegetation shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained as required. The director reported maintenance was scheduled to trim flower vines on September 30, 2023 from fencing area.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required.

Safety

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the last field trip taken on July 11, 2023 to Pin Strikes.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in T6612, T6613 and H6222 were completed on May 3, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date. Checklists and annual inspection forms were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

The vehicle with tag number ending in H6222 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. The director reported that vehicles with tag numbers ending in T6612 and T6613 were not in use at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the infant staff members on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on January 9, 2023.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2022.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.