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Date: 11/14/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM

Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-38116

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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.
11/14/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/11/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
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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	Rm A: 1st Right	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm B: 2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Rm C: 1st Left	One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Rm D: 2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm E: 3rd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm F1: 3rd Right		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm F2: 3rd Right		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm G: 4th Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Rm H: 5th Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 70		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG C- School Age	200	C
Main	PG-A- Infants/Toddlers	27	C

Main	PG-B- 4yrs	125	C
Main	PG-D- 3yrs	44	C

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/14/2023

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!

Lori Keener, 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

Comment

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

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all rugs are removed or properly secured on the edges to prevent tripping hazards. Corrected on site.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2023

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked 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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required.

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

Not Met

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 based on observation the following outdoor playground equipment contained the following hazards:

Playground A
* Rust and chipped paint was present on the metal blue shaded area, on the stationary air plane's red handle bars, on the blue and yellow tunnel and on the "S" hooks and metal triangles which connected the blue bucket seats.

Playground B

* Rust and chipped paint was present on the yellow stationary car rider with red steering wheels, the blue stationary car rider, the red and blue seesaw, the green tunnel with yellow wheels, red merry go round, red and yellow metal shaded area, and on the steering wheels which were connected to the multi-colored wooden climbing structure.

* The steering wheel was broken on the red stationary car.

* The red tricycles on the merry go round had tires that were not in good repair as they were split.

* The wooden boards connected to the multi-colored wooden climbing structure, the wooden posts connected to the red tunnel, the wooden seated area of the red and yellow shaded area and the four picnic benches were observed to have wood that was split and splintered throughout the structures.

Playground C

* Rust and chipped paint was present on yellow and green tunnel with split and splintered wood on the floor boards.

* Rust and chipped paint was present on the yellow and green seesaw.

* PVC pipes surrounding the wooden climbing structure were cracked and not separated which posed as an entrapment hazard.

* Split and splintered wood was present on four wooden benches and throughout the multi-colored wooden climbing structure with the yellow and red slide.

Playground D

* Rust and chipped paint was present on the yellow and green tunnel with yellow wheels, the blue and green seesaw, the yellow tunnel with red and yellow steering wheels, the "S" hooks, chains, and metal triangles which were connected to the six swing at the bottom.

* The wooden boards connected to the posts of the swing set and of the wooden climbing structure with the blue tunnels and yellow slides were split and splintered throughout both structures.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The center will repair all equipment and ensure equipment is clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation two inches of mulch was observed in the fall zone areas surrounding the wooden climbing structure with the yellow and red slide on Playground C instead of six inches of mulch which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all playgrounds are free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots, excessive leaves, etc.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2023

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. Discussed restricted food items with the cook 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 center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the center maintains documentation of the dates and times of all emergency drills and review of emergency plans and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2023

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed 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)**Met****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in F6357 was completed on July 12, 2023. Vehicle with tag number ending in WF352 was completed on July 13, 2023. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in F6359 and F6356 were not in use at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with infant staff member and director on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure mats in the first left classroom are replaced due to small areas of exposed foam on the edges.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2023

Staff Records

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

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

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on April 11, 2023.

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

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

Comment

Please replace bandaids in the first aid kits on the vehicles.

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

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2022 on this date.

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are updated, documented and signed.

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