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Date: 5/10/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

CCLC-23917

North Thompson Christian Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/13/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/28/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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 - 1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Diapering, Nap
Main	B - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D - 4th Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E - 3rd Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F - 2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H- 1st Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - A	48	C
Main	Playground - B	40	C

Comments

This Monitoring Visit was completed on site. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips are provided and routine transportation is provided. The consultant discussed the new Executive Order effective May 1, 2021 with the center director.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov

Susan Mosley, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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) **Met**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Corrected on 5/10/2021

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

Corrected on 5/10/2021

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The center director will continue to monitor areas on the walls in all classrooms where paint is missing.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The center director will ensure that fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that an eighteen inch by three inch gap was located at the bottom of an eight foot chain link fence panel causing a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2021

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 that the following hazards was accessible to the one, two and three-year-old children:

- The support floor of the grey, blue and red Little Tikes gym set had 2 one-inch cracks, 2 two-inch cracks and 2 three-inch cracks.
- The blue and yellow metal train was rusting, chipping paint and weathered.
- Six of six swing chains was rusted.
- Six of six triangle swing brackets was rusted.
- One of three safety straps on the bucket swings was missing safety latch.
- The blue, beige, and red Little Tikes has was missing a door leaving one hole the size of a nickel.
- One eight inch round PVC pipe had a two inch by two inch hole.
- One eight inch round PVC pipe was not joined in two places leaving a hole.

The following hazards was present and accessible to the after school children:

- One of four seats on the springy see saw had a six inch crack and a seven inch crack.
- The green and yellow metal tractor was chipping paint and missing a steering wheel.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2021

Recited on 5/10/2021

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

Corrected on 5/10/2021

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that one black plastic gutter drain pipe was cracked in two places posing a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2021

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>

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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The center director stated no medications are administered.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2006	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2010	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2007	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020****Corrected on 5/10/2021****.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.