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Date: 9/28/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-31733

The Children's House

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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.
09/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/27/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/16/2021	Licensing Study	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	2A	Two Year Olds	3	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers, Diapering
Main	3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	12	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Infant I	Infants	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
Main	Infant II	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Pre-K A	PreK	2	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Pre-K B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	32	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Upstairs (Library)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Waddlers	One Year Olds	3	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground B	84	C
Main	Pre-K A Playground	89	C
Main	Waddler Playground	18	C

Comments

This is the first regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

Per the Director, the center does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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)

Robin Perkins, Program Official

Date

Chrissy Miller, 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-.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: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Comment

Children records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - Please ensure that all children in attendance are signed into the center upon arrival. Upon review, the consultant observed 66 out of 70 children currently signed into the center.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

No evening care hours observed during the visit.

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) **Met**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Comment

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10 - Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and the staff 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-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the center did not have evidence of completing tornado drills, lockdown drills, and reviewing the center's written emergency plans every six months, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

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

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

Cleaning and disinfecting of the cots was discussed with the staff on this date.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Discussed requires that if the cots are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them by keeping them covered while not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/11/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2006	

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/01/1990	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/10/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/30/1991	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/02/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/10/2020	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/19/2015	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 06/16/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/30/2019	Met
Staff # 19	Met

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 02/24/2021

Staff # 20 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 10/19/2012

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 04/01/2021

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2020

Staff # 24 MetStaff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2014

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that a staff member, who was hired on January 8, 2022, did not have evidence of obtaining certification in CPR and first aid within the first 90 days of their hire date when requested by the department at the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022**Recited on 9/28/2022**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.24(1) - Discussed obtaining the required documentation for staff files for new hires. The consultant observed one out of 25 staff applications/10 year history not available during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Comment

Staff annual training for January 2021 to December 2021 was evaluated at the last regulatory visit on April 27, 2022. The staff must complete at least ten (10) annual training hours by December 31, 2022 to be in compliance with this rule. This rule will be evaluated in 2023.

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 be attentive to the children's needs.