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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/25/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 10:40 AM

CCLC-289

The Gingerbread House

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 05/25/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 12/03/2020 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 11/26/2019 | 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 |
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| Main | Downstairs Front Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Downstairs Rear Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 9 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Upstairs 1st Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 4 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Upstairs Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 5 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Upstairs Rear Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | | | | 42 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | |
| Two | Downstairs Room-PreK | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | |
| Two | Upstairs Room-PreK | | 0 | 0 | C | 31 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | | | | 52 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | |
| Total # Children this Date: 10 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 94 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on May 25, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 25, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Additionally, Consultant discussed Rule changes that took effect on October 1, 2020 and emailed the Provider handouts with Frequently Asked Questions and related resources.

Consultant e-mailed the provider a copy of the COVID-19 Guidance for Georgia Childcare Facilities, Interim Guidance as of May 1, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/28/2021

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/ChildCare/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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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| Activities and Equipment |
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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.

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| Facility |
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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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as the dirty laundry under the sink in the downstairs Pre-K classroom.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

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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 upon observation during the virtual visit the gate on the left side of the playground was broken, exposing rust and sharp edges. The following hazards were also observed: in the back left corner of the playground, a tree was observed growing on the fence, that portion of the fence was observed to be pushed down causing that area of the fence to measure less than four feet tall; on the back top left of the fence, the bar was observed to be not longer attached to the fence; on the right side, the fence was not observed to be secured to the post; the top portion of the fence, which was added to make the fence four feet tall, was not observed to be secure. Further, there was a large gap under the left gate and rust was observed throughout the fence.

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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. It was determined based upon observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground in that there was rust on the swing posts, on the left side of the swingset, there was an unsecured piece of dry rotted wood which created a gap between the piece of wood used as a border on the ground. Further, all four climbing tires on the playground structure were rotted and had tears in them and a basketball goal was observed tilted forward on the concrete area.

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Recited on 5/25/2021

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| Health and Hygiene |
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****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: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/30/2017 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/02/2012 | |
| Staff # 3 | Not Met |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> | |
| .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/01/2019 | |

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| Staff # 6 | Not Met |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> | |
| .09-Criminal Records Check Missing | |

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| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/29/2019 | |

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| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/24/2005 | |

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| Staff # 9 | Met |
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Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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| 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) | Not Met |
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Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)2. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. It was determined based upon the Provider's statement employee number six did not work at the center from May 2020 - March 2021.

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| 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training | Not Met |
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91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records during an administrative review that ten hours of annual training was not on file for staff member number two.

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

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.