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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/17/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 10:10 AM

CCLC-3231

Family Resource Agency, South Walker Head Start/EHS/Pre-K

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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.
05/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/14/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/06/2020	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	1 L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2 L	PreK	2	8	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2 R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3R	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R Early HS	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 47			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	142	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 17, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 17, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 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.

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 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.

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)

Tiffany Edgerton, Program Official	Date
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Karyn Presley, Consultant	Date
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Chasity Baugh, 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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Playground(s) were not directly observed during the virtual walk through due to connection issues. Regulations regarding the associated rules with fencing, playground equipment, resilient surfacing and keeping playground area free of hazards were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

During the virtual walk through of the program, Consultant discussed Emergency Preparedness plans and updating them on a regular basis, as well as observed posted plans.

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/19/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2001	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2000	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2000	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2013	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 12/09/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/1993	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2017	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2017	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2005	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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 01, 2021.

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

591-1-1-.32(4) - requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. Discussed mixed ages in the 4th Right classroom

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2021**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** **Met**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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.