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Cover Sheet

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

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 11:15 AM

CCLC-4026

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/03/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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 Left Front-Right Hallway		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B Left Back-Right Hallway	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C Mid Back-Right Hallway	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	24	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D Right Back-Left Hallway	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	23	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Front Left-Left Hallway	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 69						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	34	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.

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.decal.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



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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

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@decal.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://decal.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.



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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-.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.

Comment

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. Consultant was not able to measure resilient surfacing for fall zones under the tire swing. 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.

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required:

Swings:

* Fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.

* Fall zone for tire (three chain) swing is determined based on length of chain plus seven (7) feet. The fall one extends in all directions and needs to have at least six (6) inches of resilient surface.

Slides:

A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.

A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Stand alone climbers (i.e. arch climbers, dome climbers [jungle gyms], overhead horizontal ladders [monkey bars], spiral climbers – at least four feet in all directions from climbing structures (i.e. climbers/ladders)

Resilient Surface:

* Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .

* Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high

Food Service

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.

Center does not cook on site. Meals are brought in from home and Consultant discussed with the Director that all meals need to meet the USDA requirements and provided a Handout with the requirements.

Health and Hygiene

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/1999

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2017

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2002	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2006	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2014	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2014	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

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

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

Consultant provided an application for a Variance Waiver for mixed age groups.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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.