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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/17/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:35 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-39038

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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.
06/17/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/27/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
04/13/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Support	

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- 1L	Four Year Olds	3	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	B- 2L	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Lunch
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D- 4L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- 5L		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- 3R	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G- 2R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H- 1R	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 72

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground Left	96	C
Main	Playground RT	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on April 13, 2022.

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)

Bentley Amy, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all hazardous items to be stored in a locked cabinet and/or tall shelf inaccessible to children present for care.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the walls in classroom H-1R and classroom F-3R to be clean and in good repair.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please continue to monitor the playground areas for the following:

- Exposed tree roots (potential tripping hazard).
- Biting and/or stinging insects.
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Vines and/or tree branches protruding and/or hanging over the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment after inclement weather.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and/or toys.
- Repluff resilient surface as needed.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the playground equipment on playground Left to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed approximately six-inches of resilient surface surround the fall zones of the large sliding structure and swing set located on playground Left. Furthermore, the consultant did not observe any exposed black tarp underneath the bucket swings located on the back-left side of playground RT.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the center to document the dates and times medications were administered according the parents' request notated on the medication form. Furthermore, the center documented the amount of medication dispensed and if there were any adverse reactions to the medication administered.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director:

- Continue to document the first and second check of all vehicles used during field trips and/or school transportation services.
- Ensure parents continue to complete and update (as needed) the vehicle emergency medical form and the transportation agreement form.
- Continue to document the load and unloading of children from the vehicle.
- Continue to document the departure, arrival, and return times of all vehicles used during field trips and/or school transportation services.
- If a child is absent during a field trip and/or school transportation route, please ensure to notate the child's absence on the completed transportation form.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the center to document with a check or other mark/symbol the loading and unloading of children during scheduled field trips.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the center to document the departure, unloading, and return times for scheduled field trips.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the center to document the first check of all vehicles during scheduled field trips to ensure no child is left behind on each vehicle.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any infants to have a pacifier attached to their person.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 12/02/2020	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 03/17/2022	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 03/08/2022	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/13/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/13/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/21/2012	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/25/2022	Met
Staff # 16	Met

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2015

Staff # 18 Met
Date of Hire: 02/08/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Comment

The director provided two files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on April 13, 2022. The consultant observed two of two newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 6/17/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center successfully submitted a portability request for the previously cited staff member's satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on April 15, 2022.

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

Defer

The previous citation was deferred in that the director is completing the 40-hour director's training (six hours left to complete the course).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022