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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/11/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-57459

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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.
08/11/2022	Incident Investigation/Initial 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	Room 1 - 1L	Infants	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room 2 - 2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 3 - 3L	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 4 - 4L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5 - Mid Left	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers
Main	Room 6 - Mid Right	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers, Story
Main	Room 7 - 3R		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 8 - 2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	26	C	48	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 9 - 1R		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 255

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 89

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 255

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	26	C
Main	B	66	C
Main	C	49	C
Main	D	81	C

Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on August 11, 2022. The exit conference was conducted on August 19, 2022 with the Director. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Christy Faulk, Program Official	Date
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Wakisha Newton, Consultant	Date
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Kedirile Knott, Consultant	Date
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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation/Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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. The overall licensed capacity is 255 children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Ensure that all items labeled keep out of reach of children are not accessible to children. These include baby wipes stored in unsecured cabinets and children's book bags.

Comment

Please ensure that decals are placed on all floor level windows and full-length glass doors to ensure that children are made aware of the glass barrier.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the center is kept clean and well maintained. Provider informed consultant that new flooring will be installed within a few weeks and that walls will also be repaired and painted.

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

Consultant informed the Director that the gaps or openings in the fencing material should not exceed three and one-half (3.5) inches to prevent entrapment. The gaps/openings of the wrought iron fence on the playground were four (4) inches apart. Consultant suggested installing a privacy screen inside the playground so that the entrapment hazard can be minimized.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there were potholes; exposed rocks; standing water; and sharp edges of exposed concrete on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

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-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Twenty-four (24) of twenty-four (24) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012; 2015; 2016; and 2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
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Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

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Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant reviewed 21 staff records that were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

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

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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