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Date: 3/16/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-594

Mother Hubbard's Day Care & Kindergarten #1

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Support	
03/16/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Deficient	
11/22/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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
Building I	FRONT L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	30	C	Floor Play,Nap
Building I	FRONT R 3'S	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Art ,Nap
Building I	Room B-2nd Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	11	NC	16	C	Transitioning,Snack
Building I	Room C-3rd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155							
BuildingII	Room D-Front		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
BuildingII	Room E-Rear		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155							
BuildingIII	Room F-Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
BuildingIII	Room G-Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155							
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building I	PGR- Lower	47	C
Building I	PGR- Upper	62	C

Comments

CI/LS conducted this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/30/2023

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

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)



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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on Consultant observation that stained ceiling tiles were observed on the far left back side of front left classroom (toddler) classroom, the toddler restroom and in the middle of the classroom front Right classroom (Preschool), a loose board was observed in the Preschool restroom and chipping paint as well as a gap in the wall was observed in the toddler restroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and ensure at least six inches is maintained under swinging and climbing equipment.

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 on observation that a portion of the fencing behind the playground at the side of Building III had been damaged from a tree falling, causing the fence to sag and therefore not be maintained at 4 feet.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Recited on 3/16/2023

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 the children had access to rotting wood that was accessible at the bottom of the building on the right side of the outdoor play area. Children had access to an open crawl space on the right side of the play area, and several bags of resilient surface material were observed accessible near the swings. Various areas of debris, including overgrown weeds, a discarded cot and rugs were accessible to children. Additionally, a bag of fertilizer was observed accessible near the stairs right off the two-year-old classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Recited on 3/16/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

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.

Defer

591-1-1-.13(2)- Per the Director there had been no field trips since June. This rule will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022

Defer

591-1-1-.13(5)-Afternoon transportation was observed this date, however, there were no checklists to review this date. Transportation checklists will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on the observation of staff records that current training was not maintained on file for Staff #1 and Staff # 7.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) requires the center to use passenger transportation checklists, in a format approved by the Department, to account for each child during transportation. A separate passenger checklist must be used for each vehicle. It was determined based on the Director's statement that the Center had not used nor maintained transportation checklist for three public schools and two routes of home transportation since February 6, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2.-Afternoon transportation was observed this date, however, there were no checklists to review this date. Transportation checklists will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Defer

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1.-There were no checklist to review this date. Checklist will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Defer

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2.-Afternoon transportation was observed this date, however, there were no checklists to review this date. Transportation checklists will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023

.09(1)(a) - Previous cite corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023
.09(1)(c) - Previous cite corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023
.31(8)(b) - Please ensure volunteers are never left alone with children.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a mixed ratio of 5 one-year-old children and two infants were observed in the 3R classroom with one staff. A ratio of 2:7 was required.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023
.32(7) - Previous cite corrected. Please ensure a staff person is maintained in each classroom at all times.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Safety

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023
.36(6) - Previous cite corrected. Parental Authorizations were observed to be maintained on file this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023
.36(7)(a) - Previous cite corrected.