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Date: 11/22/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-594

Mother Hubbard's Day Care & Kindergarten #1

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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. 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.
11/22/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/30/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/28/2022	Complaint Closure	Deficient	

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	1	7	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning, Snack, Nap
Building I	FRONT R 3'S	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Building I	Room B-2nd Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	11	C	16	C	Centers
Building I	Room C-3rd Right	One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
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: 33			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

MV completed onsite this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/22/2022

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

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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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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. Additionally, the gate leading to the parking lot that was located on the left front side of the playground was observed open.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Owner informed that the building (III) had been sold and would no longer be used for child care. The center will submit an amendment to remove the building from the license capacity and ensure a fence or barrier at least four feet in height is maintained between the two properties, therefore making the play area on the side of Building III inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022**Recited on 11/22/2022****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 debris including a ladder, an unwound water hose and a bag of fertilizer were observed accessible near the stairs right off the two-year-old classroom.

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: 11/22/2022**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-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.13(2)-Per the person in charge there had been no further field trips. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will have and use a system to obtain written field trip permission in advance and ensure the permission is signed and dated by the responsible person.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022**Defer**

591-1-1-.13(5)-Per the person in charge there had been no further field trips. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will create and distribute a list of participants for each trip taken.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022

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

591-1-1-.36(6)-Per the Director the Center had not provided routine transportation since October 18, 2022. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) -Per the Director the Center had not provided routine transportation since October 18, 2022. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2.-Per the Director the Center had not provided routine transportation since October 18, 2022. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1.-Per the Director the Center had not provided routine transportation since October 18, 2022. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2.-Per the Director the Center had not provided routine transportation since October 18, 2022. This rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

There were no there infants in care. Correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11
Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)
Not Met**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based observation of staff records in Koala that staff # did not submit both an application to the Department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation of staff records that 17 year-old volunteer did not have Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2022

Corrected on 11/22/2022

.33(4) - Previous cite corrected.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(8)(b) requires the Center to ensure that volunteers shall not be solely responsible for children other than their own and must be under continuous direct supervision of a Director or Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination while in the presence of children other than their own. It was determined based on observation that 17 year-old volunteer was left responsible for the after school age children in the 2R classroom while the teacher was at lunch. The cook was observed on site but was in the kitchen area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that no volunteer is solely responsible for children other than their own children and are under continuous direct supervision of a Director or Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination while in the presence of other children in care.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. It was determined based on an investigation that staff left responsible for the 2R classroom briefly left the room was observed in the office area when the Consultant initially arrived at the center. Additional staff was observed in the building, in the cook was observed in the kitchen area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2022

Recited on 11/22/2022