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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/21/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-1473

Childcare Network #24

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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.
09/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	1st Left	PreK	2	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1st Right	Infants	2	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Flo or Play
Main	2nd Left	PreK	2	10	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Right - EHS1		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right - EHS2	One Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	4th Right - B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right A	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K and School-Age	105	C
Main	Toddler	31	C
Main	Two's and Three's	18	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow up on the previous visit.

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)

Jasmine Brown, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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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)

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined, based on observation, that broken metal chairs were observed present in the 2nd Right - EHS 2 classroom and the 3rd Left classroom on this date. It was further determined that a rolling teacher's chair was observed to have a broken arm in the 3rd Left classroom. It was further determined that vinyl furniture was observed to have tears with foam exposed, which prevented the furniture from being kept clean, in the 1st Left classroom, 3rd Right classroom, and 3rd Left classroom on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing

Child # 6 Met

Child # 7 Met

Child # 8 Met

Child # 9 Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure children's files contained all required information, as one of nine children's files reviewed was lacking information for the parent's employer, release persons, and emergency contact on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

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

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

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the resilient surface materials did not include sharp jagged edges, splintered wood, large pieces, etc. on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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.

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records and staff statement, in that the Director or designated person-in-charge to report or cause to be reported to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center; any situation when a child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a child who is left on a vehicle, a child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open).

Safety

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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined, based on review of records, that 9 of 29 emergency medical information records were lacking the name and/or telephone number of the child's doctor on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 23 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/11/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/25/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/15/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2013	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2021	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 12/07/1998

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2022

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

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2022

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

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2022

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

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2022

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

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 02/28/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2022

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

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 10/22/2018

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2012

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 05/29/2018

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had comprehensive satisfactory criminal records check determinations on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had comprehensive satisfactory criminal records check determinations on file on this date.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.31(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center had a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each operating classroom on this date.

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.