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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/4/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

CCLC-1624

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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.
10/04/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/08/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/24/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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 Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right	Infants	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Left Rear	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2nd Back Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Front Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2nd Left Rear		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Left Rear	PreK	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	4th Left Rear	PreK	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5th Rear		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 59

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Side	71	C
Main	PG-Center Rear/Right Area	100	C
Main	PG-Right Side	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement Follow Up visit and to follow up on the previous visit on this date.

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)

Tiffany Futo, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.12(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that stacked chairs were not observed present in the Center when the children were awake and present on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that the infant feeding plans reviewed were lacking required information as they were not on the updated infant feeding plan form updated October 1, 2020. The Consultant provided the Center with the updated Infant Feeding Plan form on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Recited on 10/4/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the diaper changing surface was observed to be smooth and nonporous on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined, based on observation, that children were observed to not wash their hands upon reentry to the classroom from the playground for lunch. The children were observed to go from the playground to the table for lunch on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 10/4/2022

Recited on 10/4/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the cots and mats were observed to be of sound construction and in good repair on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 06/13/2022	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/14/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/11/1999	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 06/26/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/12/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/03/2022	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/15/1993	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 14	Met

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/27/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2022

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.31(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records and staff statement, in that the center had designated teachers/lead caregivers for each group of children on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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 observation, that staff were observed to not be participating with children in the 2nd Front Right classroom and were not seated within an arm's length away from five one-year-old children as required on this date.

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