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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/14/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation by Phone **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

CCLC-51680

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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.
10/14/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
10/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/22/2022	Licensing Study	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
Main	A- 2 y/o		0	0		9	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- Infants		0	0		7	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-		0	0		14	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- 2- 3 y/o		0	0		12	C	NA	NA	
Main	E GA -Pre-K - A/S		0	0		18	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-		0	0		9	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	28	C

Comments

A virtual complaint investigation was conducted on this date. Investigative findings were not concluded on this date. Investigative findings were concluded on November 1, 2022. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on November 1, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/14/2022

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/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)

Artkeisha Lee, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation by Phone:

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(11) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure all staff, including management, clock in and out daily, as the provided staff time sheets had only two staff signed in.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined, based on investigation, that on October 14, 2022, 2 two-year-old children were observed present with 4 three-year-old children, 4 four-year-old children, 5 five-year-old children, and 9 children six-years-old and older, when it was required for two-year-old children to be housed in separate physical areas from older children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022