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Date: 2/9/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-469

K.C.'s 24 Hr. Child Care Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/09/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
11/29/2022	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing
11/07/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Support

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.

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	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music,Snack
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Left Corner Cafe		0	0	C	54	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Left Hall 1st Rt		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Hall 1st RT		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	30	C
Main	Playground	90	C

Comments

Consultant conducted an onsite monitoring visit on February 8, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/23/2023

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

KATHY CAIN, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.03(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Lesson plans were observed for all operating classrooms.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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 in classroom 1L there were two infant walkers that did not have seats and there was a black and red ladybug climbing structure that was torn and had exposed foam. It was further determined based on observation that in classroom 3L there was a gray chair with a hole in the right arm rest.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2023

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) Met

Comment

Staffing and supervision for evening care hours discussed with the director on this date.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards existed:

2L Classroom:

-There was a staff bag near the cubby area accessible to the children.

3L Classroom:

-There were two staff bags on a shelf near the back of the classroom accessible to the children.

-There was an unlocked closet with a broom and dust pan accessible to the children.

-There was a toilet brush in the boys bathroom accessible to the children.

2R Classroom:

-There was an unlocked closet with two staff bags on the floor accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was a broken swing, two swings with broken chain grips, on basketball goal with a torn net, and a yellow car structure with a broken steering wheel on the back playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2022

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. Playgrounds were observed to be free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing tables were not cleaned in between diaper changes in classroom 2L and 3L.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

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 in classroom 2R, children did not wash hands after eating snack and after toileting. It was further determined based on observation that children did not wash hands upon arrival for care and upon re-entering the childcare area from outdoor play.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Please ensure that infants who can hold up their hands use warm running water and soap during handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff in classroom 2L did not wash hands before a diaper change and after handling bodily fluids.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation there was an asthma pump located in a pink bag near the cubby area in classroom 2L accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that there was a torn seat on the first right row of the vehicle with tag number PB6307 and two broken cup holders on the vehicle with tag number CJY1309. It was further determined based on observation that two of four transportation vehicles with tag numbers, CJY1298 and CJY1309, had trash and debris across the floors.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Please ensure that all fire extinguishers on transportation vehicles are in working order.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documents that there was no unload indicated for two children taken to South Salem Elementary on the AM route on January 23, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that two of nine crib sheets were loose and not tight-fitting as required. It was further determined based on observation that three of nine cribs had sheets that were too tight fitting.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on statements that staff placed infants who were older than four months on their stomachs to sleep in their cribs.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Corrected on 2/9/2023
.14(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. First aid kits were observed to be on all transportation vehicles.

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.