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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-49360

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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.
03/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/30/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/21/2021	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	1L (2 years)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R (5-12 yrs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2L (3-12 yrs)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 72

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 21

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 72

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	14	C
Main	School age Playground	112	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to follow up on visit from December 30, 2021 and to conduct a Monitoring Visit. An in person walk-through was done on March 8, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2022

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.decgal.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



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@decgal.ga.gov 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)

Toni Clark, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

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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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute in the fall zones of the slides.

Consultant provided a handout with information about the minimum requirements for different types of equipment (listed below)

Slides:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Stand alone climbers (i.e. arch climbers, dome climbers [jungle gyms], overhead horizontal ladders [monkey bars], spiral climbers – at least four feet in all directions from climbing structures (i.e. climbers/ladders)

Resilient Surface:

- * Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .
- * Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - discussed with the provider to watch for rust , protruding wires and fallen bolt caps on the fences.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements that the fall zone around the dome climber on the School Age Playground measured at approximately two feet when at least four feet in all directions was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove the equipment add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

Health and Hygiene

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that pacifiers are not attached to children's clothing.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed with the provider that tape should not be used to repair dents on the diaper changing surface as that makes the surface porous and non-smooth. Additionally, cloth straps should not be used on a diapering table as they are porous and cannot be cleaned after each diapering as required. The provider will consider changing the tables or removing the straps and adding smooth and non-porous diapering pads.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Discussed with the provider to ensure that infants who can hold their heads up, have their hands washed with warm water and liquid soap after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2022

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

Met

Comment

The provider reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Proper restraints were discussed with the director.

Comment

The vehicle was not available on site on the date of the visit and was not inspected for compliance. A current/completed inspection was observed for a vehicle with tag # PBQ 1587.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2019

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2002

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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.