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Date: 2/28/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-35609

Childcare Network #227

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/06/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient
11/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play	
Main	Room B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Room D		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room E		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room F	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning	
Main	Room G-Back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room G-Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Room H	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	Room I		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room J	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			190			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left	56	C
Main	Left Front	31	C
Main	Right Rear	42	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/28/2023

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.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

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

Sabrina Harper, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Regional 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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

**Corrected on 2/28/2023
.03(9) - Citation corrected.**

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

**Corrected on 2/28/2023
.12(1) - Citation observed to be corrected.**

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 the blue couch and chair in Room F had tears throughout.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

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

Not Evaluated

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.

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 were accessible to children in care:

Room C:
plunger in the girls restroom

Room E:
latex gloves and clorox wipes on the cubbies

Room H:
plunger in the girls restroom

Room J:
broom outside the door leading to the playground

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items within the center were in need of repair:

-Room B had one of two restrooms that was not in working order and per the sign had not been in operation since January 24, 2023.

-sink cabinets doors throughout were chipping material

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023**Recited on 2/28/2023**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that one purple riding toy on the left playground was missing a wheel and was in need of being removed or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022****Corrected on 2/28/2023****.26(8) - Citation corrected.**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present.

Center Playground- Concrete on the left side at the end of the sidewalk next to the gate leading to the back playground was not flush, cups and paper were strewn throughout the playground.

Back Right Playground- 'PVC' pipe on the back right playground was not connected and around the rubber surfacing for the play equipment that posed a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Corrected on 2/28/2023

.18(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Corrected on 2/28/2023

.18(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

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 member in Room C was observed to clean a child's nose and not wash their hands thereafter.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Please ensure that emergency medical forms have all areas filled out as one form did not have the hospital, if the child had allergies, medications or special conditions listed.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records the center did not have a current annual safety check on file for review as the one on file expired in October 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant discussed to monitor the light colored sheets in Room A as they are on the verge of being too loose.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Staff Records

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

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

The center has mixed ages due to having Early Head Start and the class following a school schedule. Consultant discussed having letters signed for the mixture and submitted for a wavier.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022**

Corrected on 2/28/2023
.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.