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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/19/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM

Departure: 4:45 PM

CCLC-38667

Childcare Network #36

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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.
10/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/05/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/27/2021	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art	
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	E		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	F	PreK	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	G	PreK	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	I	One Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			168			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			75			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			168		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	39	C
Main	B	50	C
Main	C	118	C
Main	D	67	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing study and to follow up the previous visit conducted on 05/05/2022

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/19/2022

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/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)

Delphine Thomas, Program Official

Date

Lesley Barrett, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.03(9) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed appropriate interactions between staff and children.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that hanging chords remain inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2022**Corrected on 10/19/2022****.26(6) - Previous citations was corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe any broken or hazardous equipment present on the playground.****Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022****Corrected on 10/19/2022****.26(9) - Previous citations was corrected on this date. Consultant observed the playground to be free from litter clean and free of hazards on this date.****Food Service**

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(9) - The consultant discussed ensuring that food and cleaning supplies are stored separately at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.17(8) - Previous citations was corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff engaging in proper hand washing procedures through out the day.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.11(2) - Citations was corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff engage in appropriately interactions with the children present at the Center.

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) Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.36(4)(b) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that only three children out of all the children being transported by the center were missing an emergency medical information record.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/05/2005	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/24/2022	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2027	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2008	

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2010	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2022	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2021	
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 05/25/2005	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2021	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year old for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on observations that two three- year -old children were housed in the same physical area with seven two-year -old children and a single one-year-old child in classroom C when it was neither departure or arrival time. Director confirmed that there was not a parental agreement form on file for the two three-year- old children present in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.