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Date: 12/2/2019 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM
 Closure from visit on
 10/17/2019

CCLC-49861

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/02/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient
10/29/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/28/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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.


Comments

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decals.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decals.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes, 290-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

Audrey Cole, Program Official

Date

Tasha McDonald , Consultant

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Closure:

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.36(10) requires that a child never be left unattended in a vehicle. During an investigation, it was determined that on October 15, 2018, a five-year-old child was left unattended on a vehicle for approximately two hours and thirty- five minutes. The child fell asleep on the van, during routine afternoon transportation, and failed to exit the vehicle at the center. At approximately 5:15 p.m., the parent arrived at the center to pick up the children and inquired about the child's whereabouts because the child was not observed in the child's normal classroom, but the sibling was. The weather outside, according to accuweather.com, was between 52 degrees fahrenheit and 77 degrees fahrenheit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that no child is left unattended in a vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Finding Associated with Complaint

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. During an investigation, it was determined that on October 15, 2019, the center driver failed to document each time a child entered or exited the vehicle and the checklist was erroneously completed to indicate that a check of the vehicle had been done. A five-year-old child was left alone on the center vehicle after falling asleep and center staff were not aware until the parent arrived at the center to pick up the children and inquired about the child's whereabouts because the child was not observed in the child's normal classroom, but the sibling was.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. During an investigation, it was determined that on October 15, 2019, center failed to conduct a complete first check of the vehicle as required and the checklist was erroneously completed to indicate that a first check of the vehicle was done. As a result, a five-year-old child was left unattended on the vehicle for approximately two hours and thirty-five minutes, from the time the vehicle arrived at the center, until the time the child was found asleep on the vehicle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. During an investigation, it was determined that on October 15, 2019, center staff failed to conduct a second check of the vehicle immediately following the completion of the first check and the checklist was erroneously completed to indicate that a check of the vehicle was done. As a result, a five-year-old child was left unattended on the vehicle, while asleep, for approximately two hours and thirty- five minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2019

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. During an investigation, it was determined that on October 15, 2018, a five-year-old child was left unsupervised on the center vehicle for approximately two hours and thirty- five minutes. The child fell asleep during routine afternoon transportation and center staff were unaware that the child had not exited the vehicle, until the parent arrived at the center to pick up the children and inquired about the child's whereabouts because the child was not observed in the child's normal classroom, but the sibling was. According to accuweather.com, the temperature outside was between 53 degrees fahrenheit and 77 degrees fahrenheit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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