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Date: 1/21/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-3177

Grandma's Finest Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/21/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2019	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	Room 1	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Diapering
Main	Room 10		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 11	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 2	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 3	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 4	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 5	One Year Olds	3	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 6	Infants	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room 7	Infants	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room 8	Two Year Olds	3	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 9	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 96			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large	82	C
Main	New Building	4	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow-up on previous citations from August 21, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/21/2020

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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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-.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.

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.

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

Not Met

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 that inadequate amount of resilient surface was observed near the slides and swings on the large right side playground. Six inches of resilient surface was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency on the small and large playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2020

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on consultant's observation that four bottles were not labeled with the child's name in room six and three bottles not labeled with the child's name in room seven.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2020

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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.

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

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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: 27**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2012	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2006	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/02/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/14/2018	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2007	
Staff # 8	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2019	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
Staff # 10	Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 12/07/2009

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2005

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 05/22/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2006

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 05/16/2019

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2011

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/1989

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 25 Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2019

Staff # 26 Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2012

Staff # 27 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Corrected on 1/21/2020

.09(1)(j) - Previous citation has been corrected. All employees have received Comprehensive Satisfactory Determinations, prior to working at the center.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on 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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.