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Date: 7/21/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-969

Learning Junction Preschool

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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.
07/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	1st Blue Room	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Red Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	26	C	Circle Time
Main	1st Right- Younger Infants		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Blue Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Red Room		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	2nd Right- Older Infants	Infants	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Green Room	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	32	C	45	C	Centers
Main	Purple Room	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Yellow Room	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205							
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Playground	60	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	95	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	38	C
Main	PG-Back Playground	201	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on July 21, 2020 with the Assistant Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/21/2020

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

Gene Sutton, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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 teacher's chair at the teacher's desk in the Green Room was observed to have a tear with foam exposed, which prevented the chair from being kept clean, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

Recited on 7/21/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - The consultant discussed with the assistant director to ensure chairs were not stacked when children were active and present, as two stacks of chairs were observed near the Green Classroom hallway door during the virtual walk through on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

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
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020

Corrected on 7/21/2020

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center and surrounding premises were observed to be clean, free of debris, and in good repair during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2020

Corrected on 7/21/2020

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playgrounds were observed to be clean, free of litter, free of hazards, and in good repair during the virtual walk through on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Assistant Director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The consultant discussed with the Assistant Director to ensure that the diaper changing pad in the Purple Classroom was replaced, as small tears were observed to begin in two of four corners.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2020

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

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Assistant Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Assistant Director on this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Routine transportation had been suspended due to due to the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020. Routine transportation was scheduled to begin once school began, following CDC guidance for transportation. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form, and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2005	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/1999	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2013	
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2011

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2020

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2019

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/1994

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 28**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.14(2)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2020**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Defer****Correction Deadline: 4/1/2020****Corrected on 7/21/2020**

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of documents, in that the center provided the consultant with evidence of staff completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training, as required, on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2020

Corrected on 7/21/2020

.31(2)(b)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of documents, in that the center provided the consultant with evidence of enrollment in a program to meet the minimum academic requirements for lead teachers on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2020

Corrected on 7/21/2020

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that children under three-years-old were observed to be housed in separate physical areas from older children during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual walk through.