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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/16/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-646

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New Beginning Child Development Center II

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/07/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/07/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	A - 1st Rt	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B - 2nd Rt	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 1st Lt	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D - 1st Lt - long hall	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E - 2nd Lt - Left	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	E - 2nd Lt - Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Reading		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 69

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plyground	39	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 18, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A onsite inspection was conducted on March 16, 2022 with the Director Lauren Watts.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/18/2022

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)

Zawanda Smith, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, 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-.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: 4

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing	
Child # 5	Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2022

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(7) - Requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will fluff and redistribute resilient surface before the next regulatory visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Playground fence on left side next to building observed with weeds growing through fence. Requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove all weeds from fencing by the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the playground is protected from traffic or other hazards by a four foot or higher secure fence or other barriers approved by the Department.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Technical Assistance

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 chipped window seal panels, peeling paint and exposed screws on entrance gate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will repair window seal and placed bolt caps on exposed screws by the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Technical Assistance

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 exposed tree roots.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will paint exposed tree roots to make them noticeable to children while at play before the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(5) - requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that the food in the large freezer was not stored properly in that there was open bags of corn and broccoli.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling by the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

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) **Met**

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2013

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 03/12/2012	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/22/2010	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/05/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/19/2019	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/01/2018	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/06/2021	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/21/2011	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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-.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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.