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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 5/19/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:05 AM

**Departure:** 10:35 AM

**CCLC-3192**

**Family Resource Agency, Chattooga Head Start/EHS/Pre-K**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2020	Complaint Closure	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
1st Trailer	D-1st Right Trailer - 2nd entrance	Three Year Olds	3	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
1st Trailer	E - 1st Right Trailer - 1st entrance	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
2nd Trailer	F- 2nd Right Trailer	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 14						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
3rd Trailer	G-3rd Rear Trailer	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Main	A 1st Left -Main Building	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B- 2nd Left Rear-Main Building	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-1st Right-Main Building		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


**Comments**

Background checks were all reviewed on May 19, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on May 19, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Additionally, Consultant discussed Rule changes that took effect on October 1, 2020 and emailed the Provider handouts with Frequently Asked Questions and related resources.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/19/2021

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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 New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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.





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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)

Met

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### 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)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observations that during the virtual walk-through of the first trailer in Classroom E, a bottle of Dawn dish soap was observed sitting on a filing cabinet that was accessible to children in care. It was also determined that in the Third trailer classroom a toilet plunger and brush were observed accessible to children in care on this date.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 5/19/2021**

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

As a reminder, staff should ensure play equipment is dry to prevent children from falling on play structure with ramp.

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**Food Service**

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

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

During the virtual walk through of the program, Consultant discussed Emergency Preparedness plans and updating them on a regular basis, as well as observed posted plans.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****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 Provider on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2010	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2012	

**Records Reviewed: 18**

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

Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/06/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 03/14/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/18/2017	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/02/2004	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 03/15/2004	Met
Staff # 18	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**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 1, 2021

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three-years-old during the regular school year to remain with two-year-olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was discussed that the Provider will get written agreement from parents.

**Correction Deadline: 5/19/2021**

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.