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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/13/2021 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation by Phone **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-38289

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/13/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
04/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/01/2020	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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Comments

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation by Phone:

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/25/2021	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 11/15/2021

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2021

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2021

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 12/28/2019

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. It was determined based upon a required report, staff interviews, photo evidence and staff statements that a three-year-old child was left unattended on the playground for approximately five minutes.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2021