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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-1760

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
06/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/07/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/02/2021	Complaint Closure	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	C 2nd L Tot 1		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A IL 3+	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	31	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	B 1R Infants		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D 2nd R Tot 2	Two Year Olds	2	19	NC	17	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E Downstairs Pre-K A & B		0	0	C	47	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F 1 L Infant- 1	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 135			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR	42	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/09/2022

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)

Victoria Sharp, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all equipment and furniture is free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. Consultant discussed with the director to repair the wooden shelf as it was detached from the back area in Classroom A. Consultant also discussed with the director to replace the yellow, blue, and green blocks in the centers in Classroom A due to being torn and unable to be sanitized properly.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation in Classroom D, the two-year-old classroom was over capacity due to having 19 children in a space that was licensed for 17 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * An unlocked cabinet in Classroom F contained a staff member's purse. In an unlocked drawer above the cabinet, there were adult scissors, staplers and Desitin labeled, "keep out of reach of children."
- * A mop and baby wipes labeled as a suffocation hazard were present on the floor in the children's bathroom in Classroom D.
- * A broom, dust pan and vacuum were present in Classroom A.

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: 6/9/2022

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain. Also, discussed removing the mat underneath the yellow slide.

Finding

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. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation the left side and back fence had vegetation and vines protruding through the fence and over the top of the black fencing material.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined the following equipment was observed to be hazardous on the playground:

- * Three tricycles were missing the soft coated handle bars and one seat was not in good repair as it was twisted around.
- * Two push seated tricycles had rusted handle bars.
- * Rusted "U" hooks were present on the two bucket seats at the bottom of the chains.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2022**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playground is kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots, exposed sharp edges of concrete, and holes in the ground as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The center currently does not dispense and administer medication at this time.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

N/A

Comment

The director stated there were no infants enrolled on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 12/29/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2010

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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 the last visit which was completed on November 16, 2021.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations 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 on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant 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.