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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/18/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:00 AM

Departure: 10:45 AM

CCLC-36308

Childcare Network #235

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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. 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.
10/18/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/13/2020	Licensing Study	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	Rm. Preschool 3A-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	A 1st L-Crawlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 3rd L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H - 1st R	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm. AfterSchool-Back Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. Preschool 4B-PreK		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. Toddler A-3rd Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.Preschool 3B-5th Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm.Preschool 4A-Prek		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.Preschool 4C-PreK		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm.Week ToddlerA-2nd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Wee Toddler B-2nd left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 39

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants/Toddlers	31	C
Main	Playground B-3yrs	34	C
Main	Playground C-PreK-School Age	93	C
Main	Playground D-2's	71	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 18, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on the evening of October 18, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/18/2021

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.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 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.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

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.al.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://dec.al.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.

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)

Stephanie Ellis, Program Official

Date

April Brown, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time per the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. The director reported that the diced carrots on the menu were cooked carrots and were not raw carrots. Consultant 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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure follow up was maintained with the order of the new refrigerator to ensure that refrigeration of all perishable foods are at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills as required on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises per the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in X5453 was completed on December 9, 2020. Vehicle with tag number ending in X5455 was completed on December 14, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed from September 27, 2021 through October 8, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2009	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/13/2010	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 04/04/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2011	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2018	
Staff # 14	Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2017

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2009

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on April 13, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

The director and cook completed the four hour nutrition training as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2021**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.