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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/13/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-3648

Miller County Child Development Center

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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.
09/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/11/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	Classroom 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Classroom 2	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Classroom 3	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning				
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	12	C
Main	Play Area	70	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2022

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/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 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)

Maxine Upson, 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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure equipment is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Consultant discussed moving the humidifiers from on top of the filling cabinets or placing velcro at the base to ensue stability in all three classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

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)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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 observation the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * A first aid kit was sitting on top of the filling cabinet in Classroom 1.
- * Baby wipes labeled, "keep out of reach of children" were located in a basket on the floor in both bathrooms in between Classroom 1 and Classroom 2.
- * Plastic bags and baby wipes labeled, "keep out of reach of children" were located under the diaper changing table in Classroom 2.

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: 9/13/2022

Recited on 9/13/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

Correction of citation in that the fence was in good repair and free of hazards on this date.

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 based on observation there were rusted "S" and "O" hooks which were connected to three out of four swings. Additionally, the net connected to the basketball goal was not fully connected and separated from the goal.

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: 9/20/2022

Recited on 9/13/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations Met

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

Correction of citation in that new seasonings were purchased. The old seasonings were discarded.

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 or 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)**Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. There were no infants enrolled on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2022

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

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2015

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2021

Staff # 14 Met

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that in the event the Director is absent from the Center at any time during the hours of the Center's operation, there shall be an officially designated person on the Center site to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center, and this person shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022

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.