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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/4/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-49513

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/04/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/04/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/04/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	
Building 2	201 (Left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Building 2	202 (Right)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Transitioning	
Building 2	203 (left)	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	16	C	Lunch	
Building 2	204 (Left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Building 2	205 (Right)	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	16	C	Lunch	
Building 2	206 (Right)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch, Diapering	
Building 2	207 (Left)		0	0	C	11	C	16	C		
Building 2	210 (Right)		0	0	C	11	C	16	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			209		
Main	D	PreK	3	15	C	11	NC	15	C	Lunch	
Main	E-Common Room		0	0	C	71	C	99	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			75		
Total # Children this Date:			64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			163		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			209		

<u>Building</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Playground Occupancy</u>	<u>Playground Compliance</u>
Building 2	Playground	84	C
Main	Big Playground	74	C

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.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)

Crystal Trempe, Program Official

Date

Haley Carwile, Consultant

Date



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2022

.03(9) - Observed corrected.

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)

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed for the weeks of September 12-16, 2022 and the week of September 19-23, 2022.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 11/10/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2020

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2021

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2014

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.