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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/10/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

CCLC-1126

Mountain Park Academy & Learning 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.
02/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/31/2021	Complaint Closure	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	1L	One Year Olds	1	7	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	1R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3 R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4 R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Back Middle		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Cafe	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	26	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	20	C
Main	PG B	143	C
Main	PG C	42	C

Comments

On this date, consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Licensing study. Consultant requested provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process.

Reminders: Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health if there are positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Please also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all communicable diseases within 24 hours. Be sure to select "Notifiable Communicable Diseases" to report closures for COVID cases.

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility closed temporarily for one day or more.


Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

As of August 2, 2021, all amendments are required to be entered in DECAL KOALA.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/10/2022

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.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

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.decal.ga.gov/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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@decals.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://decals.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)

Harry Patel, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

Date



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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that several classrooms; 1L, 1R, 2R and 2L were in need of a variety of materials to be added to the environment and ensure that the materials are accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children. The owner stated that they were in the process of ordering materials.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Corrected on 2/10/2022

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the information was completed. Please ensure that the information on the enrollment applications are completed for children prior to beginning at the center.

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)**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 that the following hazards were observed to be accessible in the following classrooms:

-2L: Two bottles of insect repellent were observed to be accessible in an unlocked cabinet under the changing area.

-3R: Plastic grocery bags were observed in the children's cubbies.

-4R: Hand sanitizer, two adult scissors and stapler were observed on a low table in the classroom and was accessible to the children.

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: 2/10/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that all outlets are covered at all times when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2022

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure to keep an eye on the swing chain on the swings on the toddler playground. Also, please be mindful to maintain the concrete and grass flushed on the playgrounds where water washed away the dirt or mulch.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2002	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2002	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021****Corrected on 2/10/2022**

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected, in that training was observed to be completed. Please ensure that staff completes their annual trainings by December 31 each year.

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**

Discussed naptime ratios. Please remember only children three and older can double their ratio during naptime and staff must be in the building to help in case of emergency.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date. 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.