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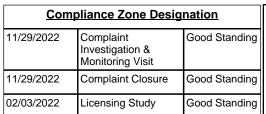
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Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support Deficient Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules

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Comments

This is a complaint investigation and monitoring visit.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bur offenders. Please see GBI's website located at h	eau of Investiga	ation's (GBI) website a list of the names an	nd addresses of all registered sexual
Refutation Process:			
You have the right to refute any of the citations no cCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.	ted in this repo	rt with which you disagree. To refute a cit	tation(s), e-mail the following information
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Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriat this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.	e CCS manage	r, who will follow up with you about your co	oncerns. If you have any questions about
right from the Start recommends that all licensed ave this liability insurance, you are required to pour uardian of each child in care in writing, obtain the rogram at all times while the child attends the property of the read and understand the Rules and Regular ave been discussed with me and I have agreed to efficiencies, while required, will not necessarily property of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refu	st a notice with r signature to a gram and for 12 ions for Child Co a Plan of Imprevent DECAL fr	½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in cknowledge receipt and maintain this writt? months after the child's last date of attendate Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge over the control	the program, notify the parent or en acknowledgment on file at the dance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4) edge that the items noted in this report I understand that correction of these ity. I understand that if I disagree with
Jana Siderakis, Program Official	Date	Dianne Clarke , Consultant	Date

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

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 an investigation that on November 18, 2022, a one-year-old child had access to a cigarette lighter that they eventually put in their mouth. It was reported that a hazardous item was not stored in a location that was inaccessible to 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.

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Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. It was determined based on an investigation that on November 18, 2022, a one-year-old child was observed to have a cigarette lighter in their mouth while in the toddler classroom. It was reported that staff members did not provide watchful oversight to prevent the incident from occurring.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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