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Cover Sheet

Date: 1/24/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

CCLC-4139

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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.
01/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/23/2021	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
Building 2	Afterschool		0	0	C	34	C	48	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 48			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Main	1L	Infants	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	4R	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	5R	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Back Center		0	0	C	34	C	47	C	
Main	Last Left Room		0	0	C	42	C	58	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 362			Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department				
Total # Children this Date: 30		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 348			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 48		Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - School-Age	104	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on January 24, 2022 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 01/24/2022

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)

Zenda Duren, 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that pine cones were observed on Playground A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2021

Corrected on 1/24/2022

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that a new fire extinguisher was purchased. Please ensure to continue to maintain the extinguisher annually.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2020

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 12/11/2008	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/01/2005	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/10/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/19/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/22/2002	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/08/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/16/2021	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/06/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/27/2007	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/19/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 06/02/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 11/01/2013	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 12/13/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 12/31/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

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

- Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.
- Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six-month break in service.
- Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.
- Ensure that all therapists and other independent contractors have an updated records check on file, before being present at the center.
- Please ensure that staff with a national background check is always present with a staff who has a comprehensive background check. Staff should never be by themselves.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2021

Corrected on 1/24/2022

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that 2021 training was observed to be completed. Please ensure that annual trainings are completed by December 31 each year.

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

Comment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

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