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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/21/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-296

Precious Possessions Preschool & Daycare

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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.
12/21/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/02/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
06/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	4 L-(Blue)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A-1st RT (Lt.Blue)	Infants	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2nd RT (Red)	Infants	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-1st L (Yellow)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2 L (Green)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-3 L (White)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	36	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-3 Rt (purple)	One Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-4 RT (Orange)	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Preschool	Downstairs		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Preschool	Upstairs		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 21st, 2021 Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 21st, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consultant requests the provider to sign and date the report in two areas and return to back to the consultant after the report is reviewed and signed.

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.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@decal.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://decal.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.



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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-.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)

Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site during the Summer months. Swimming is not currently provided.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/14/2021

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/30/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/20/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/24/2011	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/01/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/18/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/10/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/12/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/06/1999	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/06/1999	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/21/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/01/2019	Met

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Met

Comment

Director provided thirteen [13] file(s) for employees hired since last visit June 9th, 2021. The consultant observed one of one newly hired staff member to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.