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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/16/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-296

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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.
09/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/31/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
05/11/2022	Complaint 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
Main	4 L-(Blue)	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A-1st RT (Lt.Blue)	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd RT (Red)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-1st L (Yellow)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2 L (Green)	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-3 L (White)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	36	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-3 Rt (purple)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-4 RT (Orange)	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Preschool	Downstairs		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Preschool	Upstairs	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 95			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 223			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

Comments

An in person visit was conducted on this date.

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)

Holly Ridley, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Met

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

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.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

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**

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**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time. Summer Camp only.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that two infants in classroom A (Light blue) had bibs around their neck while sleeping in a crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 24	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/25/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/12/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/19/2022	
Staff # 8	Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/1999

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2015

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2017

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 23 Met

Records Reviewed: 24

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/09/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 24

Met

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.

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

Met

Comment

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

Discussed naptime ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.