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Date: 1/24/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-1237

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/24/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support
01/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	A 1L		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B 2L/3L	One Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C Entrance		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D 1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 2nd Sectors Entrance		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F Right Hall 1R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G Rear R	GA PreK	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG B-No Measurements	0	C
Main	PG Left	10	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on May 24, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/07/2023

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.al.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
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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)



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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jenny Rivas-de la Rosa, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

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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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that a television was sitting on a silver and tan rolling cart located on the front-left side of the entrance of classroom G Rear R creating a potential tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Technical Assistance

Per the director, classroom A 1L was temporarily closed due to a water leak being discovered in the classroom on an undetermined date in December 2022. The repairs were completed, but the director observed a second leak in the classroom ceiling on Monday, January 23, 2023. The owner was notified that the leak has since returned and will schedule the required repairs.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that vines were observed growing through the back-left side of the fence surrounding the playground area of Playground-Left. Vines and tree limbs were observed growing throughout the fence surrounding the playground area of Playground B creating a potential tripping hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023

Recited on 1/24/2023

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the center to be clean and in good repair.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the fence to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the red merry-go-round contained chipped paint located on the back-left side of playground B. A white basketball hoop contained white chipped paint located on the front-right side of the black-top area.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the metal slide located on the back-right side of playground B contained zero resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the metal sliding structure. The blue swing set located on the back-right side of playground B contained approximately one inch of resilient surface. Approximately six-inches of resilient surface was required.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Recited on 1/24/2023

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 the following hazardous items were observed on the playground areas:

- Playground B - A section of the white pvc piping surrounding the green, red, yellow, and blue sliding structure was missing leaving an eight inch opening and creating a potential tripping hazard located on the back-left side of the playground. An unwrapped green garden hose was observed at the playground entrance of classrooms G Rear R and D 1R creating a potential tripping hazard. Pecan nuts were observed on the grounds located on the front-right side of the playground area.
- Playground Left - An adult size green ladder was observed on the front-left side of the playground accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Recited on 1/24/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe the center to serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to enrolled children during the visit. A review of the center's menu confirmed that the center's meals meet the USDA requirements.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

The consultant observed the diaper changing tables to be clean and in good repair.

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

Comment

Staff stated the proper handwashing procedures for staff and children.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have written authorization to administer "Auvi-Q" in the event of an allergic reaction. Further review of records revealed that the center did not have documentation of the prescription number to administer "Children's Cetirizine Hydrochloride Oral Solution" in the event of an allergic reaction. The consultant did not observe staff members to administer any medications during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Staff Records

Technical Assistance

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Comment

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on May 24, 2022. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022****Corrected on 1/24/2023**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The previously cited staff members were observed to have evidence of completing the required health and safety orientation training on file.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.