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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/7/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-17564

Discovery Point #27

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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.
12/07/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2021	Licensing Study	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
Main	A- 1L	Infants	3	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Free Play
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	22	C	36	C	50	C	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds	3	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 1R	Two Year Olds	4	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
Main	E - 2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F - 3R	PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G - 4R	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	27	C	37	C	Art, Story, Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 233						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 257				
Total # Children this Date: 118			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 233			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 257				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	C- Right Side	90	C
Main	Left front	27	C
Main	Left rear	93	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on April 12, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/07/2022

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.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
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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)

Robert King, Jr., 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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed monitoring toys, equipment, and furniture for normal wear and tear.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following toys and/or equipment were in need of repair:

- Classroom E-2R - A white two drawer plastic bin containing stacking cups and waffle blocks was observed to be broken and contained jagged edges.
- Classroom F-3R - The red clock hands were broken and four out of six black knobs were missing from the children's play stove. The sink sprayer was missing from the children's play sink. A red measuring cup stored underneath the sink contained a broken handle and jagged edges. All three items were housed in the home living area located the back-right side of the classroom next to the handwashing sink.
- Classroom G-4R - The sink faucet and the sink sprayer was missing from the children's play sink located in the home living area on the back-right side of the classroom.
- Classroom Back - The water sprayer was missing and the black plastic sink was broken, contained a crack, and was covered in tape in the children's sink located in the home living area on the back-middle side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The center will also ensure to replace and/or repair all broken equipment and/or toys notated and monitor equipment and/or toys for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed monitoring restroom vents for normal wear and tear and potential dust build-up.

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation the following restroom ventilation systems were inoperable:

- The second left restroom ventilation was inoperable in the Cafeteria.
- The second right restroom ventilation was inoperable in classroom E-2R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2023

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**

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

Finding

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 observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care:

- Classroom G-4R - A bottle of "Simple Truth Organic Body Lotion" was stored in the children's cubby area located on the front-right side of the classroom.
- Classroom F-3R - Two bottles of shaving cream and "Sharpie" permanent markers were stored in a gray unlocked cabinet located on the back-left side of the classroom.
- Cafeteria - A tape dispenser containing sharp edges and a pair of adult size scissors were stored in a white five drawer plastic bin located on the front-left entry of the classroom.
- The consultant did not observe any children to handle the items during the visit.

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.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

The playground was inspected during inclement weather. Please ensure to monitor the playground area for the following:

- Biting and/or stinging insects.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment.
- Repluff resilient surface as needed.
- Monitor the green turf for normal wear and tear.
- Monitor for standing water in and/or around playground equipment.
- Monitor trees for loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Monitor vines growing on the opposite side of the playground fence to ensure they do not protrude through the fence and create a potential tripping hazard or become accessible to the children.

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 water table bin was broken and not secured to the tan base of the table located on the back-right side of playground C. Rust was observed in the corners of the tan handle bars and tan climbing ladders of the large sliding structure located on front-left side of playground Left Rear. The brown stairs covering was observed to be peeling on the tan sliding structure located on the front-left side of playground Left Rear.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Recited on 12/7/2022

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 playground was not kept free of hazards as the following hazards were observed:
- Two unwrapped garden hoses (green and black) were observed on the ground and accessible to children located at the front-left playground exit for classroom G-4R creating a potential tripping hazard.
- A silver, black, and yellow water sprinkler base was hanging from the fence next to the red and tan water table located on the back-right side of playground C.
- A six and a half (6 1/2) tear exposing two silver bolts in the playground turf was observed on the back-right side creating a hole measuring approximately two-inches in depth on playground C. The tear and hole created a potential tripping hazard.

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. The center will ensure to remove the sprinkler head from playground C, the garden hoses from classroom G-4R's playground exit, and repair the tear in the turf located on playground C.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Recited on 12/7/2022

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed medication documentation for emergency medications with the director during the visit.

Safety

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to replace the thermometer and antibacterial ointment on vehicle tag #RIX5883 and the thermometer for vehicle tag #PMT 6305.

Comment

The following vehicles were observed to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag #PMT6305 - Expires September 9, 2023.

- Vehicle tag #RIX5883 - Expires August 22, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022**Corrected on 12/7/2022****The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the seats in vehicle tag #RIX5883 and vehicle tag #PMT 6305 to be clean and in good repair.****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that one of two set belts located on the second front-left row of vehicle tag #RIX5883 was broken.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts. The center will monitor each vehicles' seat belt for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure to monitor sleeping mats for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022**Corrected on 12/7/2022****The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed staff members to provide a safe sleep environment during the visit. The consultant observed infants on their backs during nap time and documentation on the infants cribs if they were able to roll over in their sleep on their own.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 36**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2010

Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2014	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2022	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2022	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2017	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2022	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2006	

Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2020	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2022	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2013	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 10/16/2020	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2013	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	
Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2022	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2022	
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2019	
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2016	
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2007	
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2005	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

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Comment

The director provided 12 files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on April 12, 2022. The consultant observed 12 of 12 newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter 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.