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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/6/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-29222

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/06/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/20/2021	Licensing Study	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	1L	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Free Play
Main	1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch
Main	2R	One Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Centers, Transitioning
Main	3R	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers, Diapering
Main	4R	Three Year Olds	3	13	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A 6wks- 2 years	32	C
Main	Playground B 3-5 years	35	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a licensing study visit and to follow-up on the previous visit completed on April 26, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2022

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
- 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)

Jessi Thompson, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure each classroom has their most current lesson plan available for review each week and/or monthly.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please monitor toys and equipment throughout each classroom for normal wear and tear.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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 that the restroom ventilation located in classroom 2R, classroom 3R, and the first left and second left three-year-old hallway restrooms were observed to be inoperable. Further observation revealed that each restroom ventilation was covered in dust.

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. The center will also ensure to monitor each restroom ventilation for potential dust build-up.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

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****Technical Assistance**

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

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Please monitor the playground fence for normal wear and tear and monitor the trees and vines located on the opposite sides of the playground to ensure they do not protrude throughout the playground fence.

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 chipped green paint was observed on the swing chains located on the front-left side of playground B-3-5.

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: 9/16/2022

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 following hazardous items were observed on the playground areas:

- Playground A 6wks-2yrs - An active spider web containing three spiders were observed attached to the playground fence located on the back-right side of the playground and the black canopy poles were observed to contain chipped paint. Exposed tarp was observed in front of the blue and brown sliding structure creating a potential tripping hazard.

- Playground B - A whole measuring approximately four inches deep and 12 inches wide was observed on the front-left side of the playground, an active spider web containing two spiders were observed attached to the green and tan sliding structure located on the back-left side. The black canopy poles were observed to contain chipped paint.

The species of the spiders were unknown.

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 also monitor the playground equipment and grounds for potential biting and/or stinging insects and repaint the black canopy poles.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)**Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Records Reviewed: 32****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2022

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

Staff # 5

Met

Staff # 6

Met

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/02/2021	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/15/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/30/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/06/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/18/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/06/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/18/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/03/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	Met

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 11/09/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 10/28/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/11/2021	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 10/13/2014	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 04/08/2022	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 11/10/2020	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

The director provided 12 files for staff members hired since the previous visit was completed on April 26, 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-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Comment

The center was observed to have evidence of a complete first aid kit.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #30, date of March 28, 2022, did not have evidence of completing first aid training within the first 90-days of their date of hire. Staff member #30 was observed to have completed basic life support training in CPR and AED.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2022

Recited on 9/6/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

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

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2021

Corrected on 9/6/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the director to have evidence of the required minimum academic requirement and qualifying child care experience on file.

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.