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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-52469

Little Sunshine's Playhouse and Preschool

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/15/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/14/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
06/01/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	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	Room A	Infants	3	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch,Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room F	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds	3	30	C	32	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers,Transitioning
Main	Room H	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	22	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 162					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant/Toddler)	24	C
Main	Playground B (Preschool)	63	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit was to complete a complaint investigation/monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit completed on June 1, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2022

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.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
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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@decal.ga.gov 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)

BETH ANDERSON ANDERSON, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, 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.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies and ventilation for excessive dust.

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****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 accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom G - Arendelle - An unlocked closet located on the front-left side of the classroom contained a red backpack (first aid kit) was sitting on the right side of the closet entry and a staff member's purple purse was hanging on the left-side of the closet with a small bottle of hand sanitizer attached to the purse. A box of gloves (industrial vinyl) and grocery bags were sitting on top of a three drawer black and clear plastic bin and a plunger was observed sitting on the floor next to three bags of diapers located in the first right restroom.
 - Classroom F - Ashdown Forrest - Two tubes of diaper ointment and plastic grocery bags were stored in the first right three drawer black and clear plastic bin, and a black, white, and silver plunger was sitting in a white bucket on the front-left side of the children's restroom. A brown grocery bag containing children's clothing, and a bottle of hand sanitizer was stored in a child's cubby located on the front-right side of the classroom.
 - Classroom E - Wild Things - A box of plastic gloves and several grocery bags were stored in a three drawer black and clear plastic bin located on the front-left entrance of the back-left restroom. A bottle of "Aquaphor," diapering ointment, and a grocery bag was stored in several children's cubbies located on the front-left side of the classroom.
 - Classroom D - Hundred Acre Woods - Diaper ointment, sunscreen, and a travel size bottle of lotion was stored in a child's backpack in the cubby area located on the front-right entry of the classroom.
 - Classroom C - Wonderland - A tube of lotion was stored in a child's backpack in the cubby area located on the front-left side of the classroom.
- Several of the items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

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: 12/15/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that staff members do not turn off the children's sink water to ensure that warm running water is available at all times.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a bottle of "Concentrated Ibuprofen" was stored in a child's backpack located on the front-left side entrance of classroom C - Wonderland.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met. The center will also check children's backpacks and diaper bags to ensure there are no medications accessible to the children receiving care.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

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) **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: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2022

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

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2022

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2022

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/21/2022

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/03/2022

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

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2022

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

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2022

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2022

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2022

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2020

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 01/31/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 05/17/2021	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 11/29/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 08/10/2022	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 04/26/2022	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Technical Assistance

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Comment

The director provided nine files for staff members hired since the previous visit was completed on June 1, 2022. The consultant observed eight of nine newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file and one of nine newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory national determination letter on file. The consultant observed one of nine newly hired staff members to be supervised by a staff member with 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.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe staff members and/or children to engage in any activities that could be detrimental to the children's health and well-being.