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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/3/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-39036

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/03/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support
01/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/16/2021	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	A	Infants	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant/Toddler	29	C
Main	B-Back	46	C

Comments

2/3/2022: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up on previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/03/2022

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/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
- 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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Amy Scarborough, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following areas were in need of repair:

---The consultant observed a 8 x 12 inch rectangle of grey duct tape on the flooring of the two-year-old classroom which was frayed and in need of repair.

---The consultant observed two areas along side of the back wall near the window in the two-year-old classroom which was peeling paint and exposed sheet rock. Additionally there is chipping paint along the base boards and the doors.

---The consultant observed 3 x 7 inch rip in the carpet, exposing frayed edges, located in the middle one-year-old classroom near the air vent in the floor by the entrance door.

---The consultant observed a 2 x 7 inch and a 1 x 2 inch rip in the wall on the right side of the hand washing sink exposing sheet rock in the middle one-year-old classroom. Additionally, the consultant observed multiple areas within this classroom that was chipping paint and in need of repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

Recited on 2/3/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on measurements of fencing on both playgrounds that several fence panels measured from 40 inches to 46 inches in height where 4 foot is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

Recited on 2/3/2022

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 playground to the left has the following hazards:

---Six of six swing chains are rusting and have yellow plastic coating that is dried and broken leaving some sharp edges and potentially a cutting hazard.

---The multi color springy see saw has hardware that is rusting and chipping paint.

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.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

Recited on 2/3/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation and measurements that 2 two-inch mats had a ten inch rip exposing foam causing a potential choking hazard and making it impossible to properly sanitize the mat. Additionally, 4 two-inch mats had four rips each measuring from one half of an inch to two inches, causing a potential choking hazard and making it impossible to properly sanitize the mat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

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Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that mats were being stored in the three and four-year-old classroom and were not covered as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

Recited on 2/3/2022

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i) requires that newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements must enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. It was determined based on review of documents uploaded on Koala for the administrative review and the center director's statement that one staff member hired April 21, 2021 serves as a lead teacher and has not enrolled in a educational program working towards obtaining the required educational credentials to continue to be a lead teacher.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all teachers will comply with the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements.

The Center was recited for the previous citation. The Center requested more time to correct the citation.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

Recited on 2/3/2022