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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/12/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-52620

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/12/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Support
02/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/16/2021	Complaint Closure	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
Building II	Room G		0	0	C	75	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	32	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play,Transitioning
Main	Room B - 2L/3L		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C - 4L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	39	C	40	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D - 3R	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	Room E - 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building II	Playground F	112	C
Main	Playground A (1st left)	14	C
Main	Playground B (second left)	19	C

Main	Playground C (Large back left)	64	C
Main	Playground D (Outside of class D)	8	C
Main	Playground E (right of class E)	6	C

Comments

An in person visit and administrative review were conducted on July 12, 2022. The visit was closed out on August 9, 2022 due to koala issues.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/22/2022

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.'



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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the fan (not in use) on the shelf in the 4th Left Classroom is inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

Technical Assistance

Please monitor the blue couch in the 2nd Left Classroom as the material is coming off.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from enrollment applications:

- Two of five did not have the physician's name and/or phone number listed.
- Three of five did not have the father's home and work information listed.
- One of five did not have listed if the child had any allergies.
- Three of five did not have the emergency contact phone numbers or addresses.

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Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022

Corrected on 7/12/2022

.06(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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 ensure that the tiles in the kitchen area and 1st Left Classroom neat exit door are repaired as they are broken.

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Correction Deadline: 8/11/2022

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

- 1st Left Room- a staff member's purse placed on a chair.
- 4th Left Room- a stapler placed on shelf and a hanging television cord.

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Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

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 items were in need of being repaired or cleaned throughout the center:

- Kitchen, 2nd Right Room- floor tiles were broken.
- Dirt and debris was around the baseboards of the classrooms and kitchen.
- Pre-K Room -behind the boys' toilet there was a hole, exposed rust, and tile was missing off of the wall.
- Afterschool Room-blue rubber was coming off of the wall near the left side of the door.
- 1st Left Room- toilet bolts on the bottom of the boys' toilet were exposed and greater than two threads.
- 4th Left Room- one of four toilets were not in working order, floor tiles were broken, and an exposed power strip located on the shelf near the television.

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Correction Deadline: 8/1/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that fans are inaccessible to children as one not in use was within reach in the 4th Left Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

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

Not Met

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 observation that the back fencing of the playground was not four feet in height and measured approximately two feet in areas.

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Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that the yellow school bus and fire engine were not anchored.

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Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

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 resilient. It was determined based on observation that resilient surfacing for the sliding equipment was inadequate due to grass growing throughout.

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Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

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 gum balls, pinecones, exposed tree roots at the bottom of the right side toddler playground slide, and vines growing through the fencing on the left side front and back playgrounds.

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Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

**Corrected on 7/12/2022
.10(9) - Citation corrected.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that two children entered classrooms and were not required to wash hands.

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Correction Deadline: 7/12/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

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Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that three of three vans/buses had trash on the floor. It was further determined that the van ending in 7172 had a hole with exposed foam on the driver's seat. In addition, the seats on the buses were in need of repair.

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Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the following were observed to be missing from emergency medical authorizations:

- 13 of 57 were missing the address of the medical facility.
- One of 57 were missing the doctor's phone number.
- Three of 57 were missing if the child had any allergies.
- Seven of 57 were missing the father's name and contact information.
- 10 of 57 were missing a work phone number.
- Two of 57 were missing if the child was on any medication.
- Two of 57 were missing if the child had any special conditions.

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Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Recited on 7/12/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed providing a mat for children that fall asleep after arrival. A child was observed sleeping on the floor during circle time.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 7/12/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed monitoring the green sheets in the infant class.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/04/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2012

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 05/13/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2022

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

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2018

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/08/2020

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 7/12/2022

.14(3) - Citation corrected.

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

Met

Comment

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: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 7/12/2022

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - Citation corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2022

Corrected on 7/12/2022

.32(7) - Citation corrected. Supervision requirements discussed.