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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/13/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 9:30 AM

CCLC-52620

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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.
08/13/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/09/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
01/20/2021	LS POI Follow Up	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
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		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - 2L/3L	GA PreK	2	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Music
Main	Room C - 4L		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - 3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room E - 2R	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 42			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

A virtual visit was conducted on August 16, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 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.



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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.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

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 the large back playground had inadequate resilient surfacing in that grass was observed to be growing through the sand around the climbing equipment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resilient.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2021

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

Handshaking requirements discussed.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2021

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all tag numbers are listed on the transportation logs.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members who participated in transportation did not have the required two hours of transportation training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/30/2012	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/13/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/06/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/12/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/15/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/25/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/15/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/12/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/08/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	Met
Staff # 14	Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2020

Staff # 15

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

Corrected on 8/13/2021

.11(2) - Citation corrected.