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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/23/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:15 PM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-12187

Fourth Street Day Care Center

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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. 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.
08/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/16/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/01/2022	Complaint Investigation 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
Single	A - First Right	Infants	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Flo or Play
Single	B 1st Left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Single	C - 2nd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Single	D - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	E - 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	F- 3rd Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Single	Far left - 1st rt.		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	G - Far 1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Single	H - Far 2nd Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	J- Far left 2nd rt.		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	K - Far Back Rm		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	playground	70	C

Comments

September 12, 2022--An admin review was completed on this date.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Myra Lockhart, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, 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)

Met

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

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 these hazards were present on the playground: exposed roots and exposed black landscaping material and both posed a tripping hazard. Further, there were weeds throughout and along side the back fence on the playground.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

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.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR)

Met

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2022

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

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2022

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Staff # 6 Met

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/07/2002

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 12/02/2002

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2022

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

Staff # 14 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**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**

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date. The visit was conducted during naptime.