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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 1/1/0001 **VisitType:** **Arrival:** **Departure:**

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Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx for information regarding 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

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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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The following information is associated with a ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that room A, B and C did not have completed lesson plans as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CS) **Not Met**

Finding
591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation in room B(2 year old room), that the dramatic play area, white frame, boarder, chairs and table, and the entrance right wall, had exposed chipping paint.
Additionally in room D(infants room), the green divider had chipping paint.
Hallway bathroom had a black rack that had exposed rust.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment
Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CS) **Met**

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CS) **Not Met**

Comment
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment
Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Finding
591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that in rooms B(two-year-olds), and room E(afterschool room), that the flooring/ area rugs was soiled, discolored and need of repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CS) **Technical Assistance**

Comment
Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment
Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed with the DIrector to ensure fencing is secured in the ground dividing the two fences in the back.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2026

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment
Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment
Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CS) **Met**

Comment
Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CS) **Met**

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CS) **Met**

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment
Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CS) **Met**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facilty decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS) **Met**

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment
Nine cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission(CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Material International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in June 2017.Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

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

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS) **Met**

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CS) **Met**

Comment
Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Technical Assistance
Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that staff shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training as required and documented in personnel files.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CS) **Not Met**

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding
591-1-1-.31(1)(c) requires that a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the Director by the technical college, university, school or Department-approved trainer listed in 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i) through (xiii) be maintained by the Center in the Director's file and such documentation shall be available for inspection by Department staff upon request. It was determined based on review of records that the Director does not have proper documentation on file as required for their credential.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will obtain the written verification from the Director, place it in the Director's file, and provide it to the Department if requested.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2026

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CS) **Met**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CS) **Met**

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment
Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.