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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/27/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-57258

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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.
07/27/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	Room 1 (1st Left)	Infants	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Room 2 (2nd Left)		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 3 (3rd Left)		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 4 (4th Left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 5 (5th Left)		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 6 (6th Left)	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 7 (3rd Right)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	20	C	30	C	42	C	Transitioning, Centers, Story
Main	Room 8 (2nd Right)		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	Not In Use
Main	Room 9 (1st Right)		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156					
Total # Children this Date: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on July 27, 2022. The exit conference was conducted on August 1, 2022. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

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 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)

Amanda Meadows, Program Official

Date

Kedirile Knott, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant reminded Director that children's bathrooms should be cleaned daily.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall license capacity is 127 children.

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

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

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 hazardous materials and supplies were stored in unlocked areas which were accessible to children. Consultant observed Lysol and Clorox sprays under the sink in Room 4. Consultant also observed baby wipes, grocery bags, bubbles solution under the diaper changing table in Room 6 a broom was also observed in the bathroom of Room 6. Consultant observed sunscreen in a child's backpack in Room7. Consultant informed the Director to remind teachers to check the children's backpacks for hazards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed a climbing structure that had caution tape around it as there was not adequate resilient surface. Children are currently prohibited from using the play structure. Owner informed Consultant that a new climbing structure is scheduled to be installed and that a poured in place rubber resilient surface will be used.

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed a wasp nest under the roof of the shaded area. Please ensure that staff members are doing playground maintenance checks and that hazards that are reported are removed from the playground area. Consultant also observed worn and rusted toys on the playground, as well as peeling paint on the wooded areas of the shade structure. Please ensure that these toys are removed/replaced, and ensure that the wood on the shade structure is sanded down/painted over.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with center staff on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed minor tears on the waterproof material that covers the crib mattress. Please repair the tears and ensure that all crib mattresses are covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the Director. Consultant observed three (3) of three (3) cribs that were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as two of the cribs were manufactured in September 2012 and the other crib was manufactured in August 2015.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant reviewed 18 staff records that were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

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