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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/21/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:30 PM

Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-36268

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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.
11/21/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/29/2022	Licensing Study	Support	
05/31/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A: 1R	Infants	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering
Main	B: 2R	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 2L Pre K 1		0	0	C	22	C	31	C	Not In Use
Main	D: 1L	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	18	C	25	C	Nap,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Modular	E: Mod-1L-Pre K2		0	0	C	30	C	42	C	Not In Use
Modular	F-G: Mod.-R Pre K 3		0	0	C	28	C	40	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133							
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75		Building @25 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG: All Ages	78	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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)

Tara Armstrong, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.03(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the current week's lesson plans were posted.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the rugs in rooms B and C were clean and free from hazardous conditions.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that all hazardous items were kept in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that all repairs were completed rooms B,C, and D.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Fencing requirements were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2022****Corrected on 11/21/2022****.26(8)** - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a six inches of resilient surface near the fall zones.**Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022****Corrected on 11/21/2022****.26(9)** - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the plastic material had been removed.**Safety**

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022****Corrected on 11/21/2022****.36(4)(c)** - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the the van was equipped with a working fire extinguisher.**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022**Corrected on 11/21/2022****.30(4)** - The previous citation was corrected.**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 23****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2012

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2022

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

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2019

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2022

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2012

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 04/19/2022

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 12/29/2011

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2020

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2028 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 10/14/2021

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2015

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2025 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2022

Staff # 20 Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2015

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2018

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Record on file for staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/21/2022

.09(1)(c) The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Record on file for staff.