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Date: 9/21/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:10 AM **Departure:** 12:05 PM

CCLC-22068

Childcare Network #160

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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.
09/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/04/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/16/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Fifth Left		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	First Left	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	First Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play,Feeding
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Main	Fourth Right	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Front Left (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	16	C	24	C	34	C	Circle Time
Main	Front Right (Pre-K)		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	Second Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Centers,Free Play
Main	Third Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Third Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249							
Total # Children this Date: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Left-Play	35	C
Main	Front Right-Play	20	C
Main	Large Back-Play	371	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/21/2023

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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)

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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based upon observation that the white shelving unit above the children's handwashing sinks was not secured to the wall at the top section causing it to pull away from the wall on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

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

N/A

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)

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based upon observation that the brown window frame had chipping paint in the Second Right Classroom and Fourth Right Classroom. It was further determined that the door leading to the playground in the Fourth Right Classroom had chipping paint. It was also determined that the white shelf under the window in the Fourth Left Classroom had chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that fence gaps do not exceed three and one half inches.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the following equipment hazards were accessible to children on the playgrounds on this date:

Front Left-Play:

- The black barrier around the tree play structure had two protruding bolts.
- The black barrier around the purple dinosaur play structure had three protruding bolts.

Large Back-Play:

- The black barrier around the mulch on the left side had five protruding bolts.
- The black barrier around the yellow slide play structure had nine protruding bolts.
- The coating on the steps leading into the yellow slide play structure was peeling.
- The wooden bench surrounding the tree had a broken slat, pieces of wood deteriorating, and one protruding nail.

Front Right-Play:

- The black barrier surrounding the yellow and red play structure had two protruding bolts.
- The first and second platform on the steps leading to the yellow and red play structure had coating peeling.
- The blue pole on the yellow and red play structure had chipping paint.
- The wooden bench surrounding the tree was missing a section of wood and had one protruding nail.
- The black barrier around the swing set had one protruding bolt.
- Eight out of eight swing chains had the coating peeling and were rusted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023

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 upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on the playgrounds on this date:

Large Back-Play:

- Three active ant beds were located in the back middle section.
- A piece of metal bar was protruding from the ground in front of the gate on the left side leading into the Front Left-Play playground.
- Thorny vines were located at the back left and back middle of the fence.

Front Right-Play:

- Two active ant beds were located in the middle section of the playground.
- Thorny vines were located at the middle right side of the fence.

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: 10/6/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5)- The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff removed necklaces from children's necks in the First Right Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Corrected on 9/21/2023

.11(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate discipline on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that crib sheets are tight fitting at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Please ensure that Staff do not give bottles to infants while in the crib.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date. The Consultant and Director discussed ways to ensure that staff are completing Health and Safety Orientation within 90 days of hire.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based upon observation that the First Left Classroom had a Staff:child ratio of 1:11 when a Staff:child ratio of 2:11 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.