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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/22/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:15 PM **Departure:** 3:55 PM

CCLC-22108

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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.
06/22/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/18/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/06/2021	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	B-1yr		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-2yr		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Centers
Main	F-2yr	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-3yr	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	30	C	41	C	Centers, Circle Time
Main	H-(Private Pre-K)		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	Snack, Centers
Main	Infant A	Infants	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	I-School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153							
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 153							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Preschool	49	C
Main	Toddler	25	C

Comments

An in-person complaint investigation was conducted on June 22, 2022 with the Director.

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)

Estella Freeman, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.12(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the mats in classroom B had been removed and replaced.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records the children's files have the parent's home address and the children's files have an address for the release person.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the plastic bags are no longer stored at low level, accessible to children, and staff members purses are stored in a locked cupboard.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.25(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the baseboards were painted, and the yellow chairs with rust on the legs were removed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the red, and pink tricycle and the green and blue rider were removed from the center.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.18(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the ventilation system in the food preparation area had been cleaned.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.33(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the center ensure that each Staff member with direct care responsibilities completes health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2022

.33(5) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the center have ensured that staff members are completing the ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development, as required.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a four-year-old child briefly left their assigned classroom and was standing in the hallway without staff members supervising the child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2022