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Date: 4/14/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-45925

Kids' Galaxy of Dacula

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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.
04/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/19/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	A1L-Private Prek	GA PreK	2	19	C	37	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up, Centers
Main	B-2L- Play Room	GA PreK	2	18	C	46	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up
Main	C 3L Storage Rm.	GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-Bk Left School age	GA PreK	2	18	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	EBk Right- School age	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F4R- 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	22	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G3R- 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	3	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers, Music
Main	H2R- Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Centers, Diapering
Main	I1R- Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 258					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 160					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Preschool	101	C
Main	B-School Age	141	C
Main	C-Infants	26	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on July 28, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/14/2023

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.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

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that center staff to refrain from allowing children or other adults to engage in activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

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

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 that the blue vinyl chair had torn fabric located in classroom F4R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023

Recited on 4/14/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that air vents are cleaned regularly.

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****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

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 there were broken tiles located near the back door in classrooms A1L and D Bk Left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Recited on 4/14/2023

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.25(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed electrical outlets to be covered.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the playgrounds to be well-maintained and free from hazards.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Consultant observed feeding plans to be regularly updated as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.18(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the refrigerator and freezer at the proper temperature for safe food storage.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a child did not wash their hands after toileting in classroom E Bk Right.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.21(p) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have a completed emergency preparedness plan.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**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(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center staff who participate in the transportation of children to have current transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to have annual safety checks of the vehicles used for transportation of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to have authorization for transportation for thirty -three of thirty-three children receiving school transportation services.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records that five of thirty-three emergency medical forms did not have the telephone number of the child's doctor and one of thirty-three forms did not indicate if the child had allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023

Recited on 4/14/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that several mats were torn with exposed foam in classroom A1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick. Director stated that new mats have been ordered.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023

Recited on 4/14/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided sixteen files for employees hired since last visit July 28, 2022.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2022

Corrected on 4/14/2023

.33(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center director to have documentation of having completed the required food training on file.

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.