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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/20/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-35858

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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.
04/20/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/14/2022	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/07/2022	Complaint Closure	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- 3 to 4yrs		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- School Age	GA PreK	2	18	C	26	C	37	C	Story
Main	F- 6wk - 6mth	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G- Infants	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room A-Preschool	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	36	C	Circle Time
Main	Room C- 2's Potty Trained Only	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D- 12mth - 23mth	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			139		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		161			
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		139		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			
							161			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	84	C

Comments

4/20/2022: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up on previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/20/2022

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)

Jayshri Soni, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined, based on observation, that six classrooms operating did not have lesson plans available for review on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities. The Center will have access to current lesson plans.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Recited on 4/20/2022

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 two bouncy seats present in Room F were observed to have torn backs on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The Center stated that they would replace the two bouncy seats.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2022

Recited on 4/20/2022

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that two of seven children's files reviewed were lacking the information for the child's primary physician and/or the full addresses for release persons on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

The Center staff stated that they will ensure the records are completed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022**Recited on 4/20/2022**

Facility

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2022****Corrected on 4/20/2022**

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected in that the center placed a wooden board at the bottom of the inner fence.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022**Corrected on 4/20/2022**

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, in that the cracks on the blue bridge of the playground equipment, were covered with tape.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022****Corrected on 4/20/2022**

.15(2) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022**Corrected on 4/20/2022**

.15(7) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined, based on observation, that the Center's current License and the names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence were missing from the posted notices on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.
The Center stated that they will post the notices on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Recited on 4/20/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****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 one Emergency Medical Information Records were lacking the name and phone number for the child's primary care physician.

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.
The Center stated that they will update the child's record on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Recited on 4/20/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2022

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2022

.14(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2022

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

Corrected on 4/20/2022

.14(2) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center had five identified lead teachers for six operating classrooms on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

The Center stated that they will designate a lead staff for this group on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Recited on 4/20/2022