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Date: 1/8/2024 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-2455

Thomas County Child Development Center

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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.
01/08/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2023	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
Bldg 1	Room 1		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	Room 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Free Play
Bldg 1	Room 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	Room 4 (Pre-K)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Room 5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 2	Room 6	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 2	Room 7 (Pre-K)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 3	Room 10	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	39	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 3	Room 11	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 3	Room 8	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 3	Room 9	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 82	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 267	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and a plan of improvement follow-up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/08/2024

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan was not functioning in the bathrooms of classroom three, five, and six as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2024**Recited on 1/8/2024**

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)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023****Corrected on 1/8/2024**

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute around the new green and tan play equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023**Corrected on 1/8/2024**

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have evidence of emergency drills conducted timely. The fire, smoke detector, and fire extinguisher drills were last conducted November 2023. There was no evidence of the lockdown drill and the emergency plans procedures conducted for year 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for vehicle PB4849 used in transporting children on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the center use the current transportation form dated October 1, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number 20 did not have evidence of completion of food and nutrition training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

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.