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CCLC-2426

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/21/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/08/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	

Comments

Complaint investigation completed on September 21, 2023.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

	Facility
591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.25(9) requires that the Center not allow a person to remain on the premises if the person does not have a legitimate reason for being on the premises. It was determined based on an investigation that church members had been allowed access to the childcare facility while children were in care when cooking in the kitchen for Wednesday night supper, using the gym and walking to the fellowship hall.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will monitor persons who enter the Center and ask them to leave when required. Church members will not be allowed access to the childcare facility while children are in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

	Food Service
591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Not Met

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on an investigation that the center was serving sweet snacks more than twice per week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines and will offer and serve seconds to children. The center will not serve sweet snacks more than twice in one week.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Policies and Procedures

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.22 requires the Center to permit the custodial Parent(s) of the child access to all child care areas of the Center at any time the child is in attendance. The custodial Parent(s) shall make his or her presence known to Center Staff prior to removing the child from the Center. It was determined based on an investigation that on September 7, 2023, parents were not allowed to enter the area where children were eating breakfast. Staff would ask parents not to enter the area and a sign was posted at the door stating for parents to say goodbye at the door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will permit unlimited parental access.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023