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Date: 3/6/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:35 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

CCLC-17661

Meadowdale Learning Center - Houston Lake Road

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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.
03/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2023	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
Main	A Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	15	C	33	C	46	C	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	B Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	19	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C (3 Year Olds)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D (3 Year Olds)	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E (2 Year Olds)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F (1 Year Olds)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	G (Infants)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134							
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler Playground	17	C
Main	Large Playground	171	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Children and staff files, staff training, transportation records, emergency drills and other required documents were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the licensing study report was conducted with the director on this date. Consultant emailed a copy of the report to the director on March 7, requesting signature.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/06/2024

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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Rhonda Overton, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure exhaust fans are working and are free from dust.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the ramp leading up the large climbing equipment on the large playground was rotting and needed replacing. In addition, the rubber mats with holes that covered the rotting wood, were torn in areas and could not be used as a permanent repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. Provider has a deadline of March 18, 2024 to repair the ramp.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Menu for March 6

Breakfast: Cheese Toast (WW), Banana and Milk

Lunch: Chicken Patties, Ritz Crackers, Apple Sauce and Milk

Snack: Cheese Nips and 100% Orange Juice

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**

Proper diapering procedures were observed in Classroom F (one-year-olds) and Classroom G (infants).

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.
Positive redirection and discussion were observed in classrooms.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined based on review of transportation records that on Van #1 with the tag number CSZ8124, the following:

During the weeks of February 26 and March 4, 2024, the pickup location was missing for the afternoon route from Tucker Elementary. In addition, during the weeks of February 26 and March 1, the delivery location for the morning route and afternoon route to and from Tucker Elementary was missing.

During the week of February 26, and March 4, 2024 the pickup and drop off locations were missing for the afternoon route from Morningside Elementary to the center.

On Van #2 with the tag number CJI1294, the following:

During the week of February 26, 2024, the pickup and location and delivery location were missing during the afternoon route from Matt Arthur Elementary to the facility.

During the week of February 19, 2024, the pickup location was missing for the afternoon route from Langston Primary to the facility. In addition, during the week, the delivery location for the morning and afternoon route to and from Langston Primary were missing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Discussed washing of sheets and disinfecting of mats with center staff on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of the ten hours of required annual staff training for the year 2023..

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.