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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/30/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM

Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-48564

Just Like Home Early Learning 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.
08/30/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/20/2021	Licensing Study	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	Room A - Infant	Infants	1	1	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	Room B - Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	38	C

Comments

An in person inspection was conducted on August 30, 2022 with the director and owner.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/30/2022

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)

Jacquelyn Hall, Program Official

Date

Debrik Perry, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the far back restroom had a small black trash can that did not have a lid on it.

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**

Finding

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that Room B had a brown cabinet under the sink that was not locked and the cabinet had cleaning products stored inside of it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following rooms had chipped paint:

1. Room B had chipped paint on the left side of the classroom door frame. The entrance door with the chipped paint, had been removed since the last visit.
2. Room A had chipped paint on all four walls. It was further determined that Room A had a sink with a broken drawer that exposed sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Recited on 8/30/2022

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

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. The gap on the left entrance gate between the latch poles was completely enclosed by gate with attached links. The 9 1/2 gap was at the top of the gate was filled in with plastic fasteners.

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 on the playground, the red caboose wheel had three missing wheels.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Recited on 8/30/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the air conditioning unit on the left side of the playground was not enclosed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Food Service**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
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Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. Room C had a trash can that was fully enclosed.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. Director and owner stated that medication has not been dispensed to the children.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. There was no medication observed in the children's book bags.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director and owner to ensure that all posted notices are placed on clear view. The owner stated that the posted notices had been removed due to ongoing painting, within the facility.

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.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not observe students napping or resting on stacked cots.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 12/11/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2015

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/13/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided files for one employee hired since last visit on June 10, 2022.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 8/30/2022

Previous citation corrected. All classes were observed to have proper supervision.