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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/28/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM

Departure: 2:50 PM

CCLC-11107

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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.
09/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/18/2021	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
Bldg 1	A-Right	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	B-Middle Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	C-Middle Right	Infants	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	D-Left		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 99							
Bldg 2	Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	29	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 99							
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 99				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Infant-Play yard	6	C
Bldg 1	School-Age Play Yard	56	C
Bldg 1	Toddler Play Yard	22	C
Bldg 2	Preschool Play yard	38	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on the previous visit.

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)

Annie Lowry, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please fluff and redistribute and please remove the small patches of grass growing through the resilient surface.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center's current menu indicated that the center fed all enrolled children little smokies for breakfast, which was of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

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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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

Safety

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/05/2019

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/07/2006

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 01/04/2011

Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 06/08/2021

Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 03/01/2022

Staff # 8	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/06/2018

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2003	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2013	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2013	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2004	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record 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.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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**

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