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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/4/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-53587

Growing Gardens Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/25/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/14/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	27	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 54					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	15	C
Main	Playground B	65	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/04/2022

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)

Camelle Tasby, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.12(2) - Correction observed on this date. When in use high chairs have straps.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) Please continue to monitor the resilient surfacing to ensure tree roots are covered to prevent tripping. Exposed tree roots may be sprayed painted to help prevent tripping.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/09/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2027	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/03/2022

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

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2022

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

Staff # 10

Met

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2021

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2022

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2021

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2021

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2021

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 03/22/2022

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2021

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 07/14/2021

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 11 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.03(9) - Correction observed on this date. Staff leave cell phones at the front desk upon entering for work and pick up when they are on break or leave.

Safety

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

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.11(2) - Correction observed on this date. Appropriate discipline strategies were observed.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.31(13) - Correction observed on this date. Staff person was fired immediately upon discovery of the crimes.