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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:25 PM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-11107

ABC Childcare & 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.
03/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/18/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/20/2021	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
Bldg 1	A-Right	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	B-Middle Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	C-Middle Right	Infants	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, 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	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	Right	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	29	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 99					
Total # Children this Date: 50			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

A virtual inspection was conducted on this date with the Assistant Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Review was conducted on March 30, 2022. Staff files, children's files, transportation records, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on March 30, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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



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!

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 Monitoring 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.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2021

Corrected on 3/22/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that five of five children's files reviewed contained all required information on this date.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/27/2021****Corrected on 3/22/2022****.15(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that six of six infant feeding plans reviewed contained all required information on this date.****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2021

Corrected on 3/22/2022

.36(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center restricted a child's travel time to forty-five minutes or less on each trip between the Center and destination.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The Consultant discussed with the director and assistant director to ensure that Children were placed on cots and mats so that one child's head was toward another child's feet in the same row to reduce the risk of airborne diseases.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2026	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2006	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2003	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2021	

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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

Date of Hire: 01/08/2026

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.