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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/18/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-52652

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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.
05/18/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/18/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/16/2021	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
Building 2	A;1st Left Lft-Inf/Tod	One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	B;Left Inf/Tod	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	C: Right Inf/Tod		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Single	A/1L/1's & 2's	Infants	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Single	B/2L/6 wks- 18 mths	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Single	C/3L/AS		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Single	D/1L/ Upper- 3-6 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Single	E/1R/Upper- 3-6 yrs	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Single	F/2R/3-6 yrs		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 119			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/Left	44	C
Single	PG/Middle	7	C

Single	PG/Middle	7	C
Single	PG/Right	5	C

Comments

An in person visit was conducted on May 18, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/18/2022

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)

qinghua lin, Program Official

Date

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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)

N/A

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)

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 the following potential hazards existed:

-Single Building

*B/2L/6 wks-18 mths-There were plastic bags, baby wipes, plastic gloves, and diaper rash cream located in the children's cubbies, accessible to the children. There were exposed wires located on a table in the back left area of the room, accessible to the children.

*E/1R/Upper-3-6 yrs-There were plastic bags located next to the trash cans, accessible to the children.

-Building 2

*A;1st Left Lft/Inf/Tod-There was a broom and dust pan, vacuum cleaner, diaper rash cream, and exposed wires located in the diapering station area, accessible to the children.

*B;Left Inf/Tod-There were scissors, plastic gloves, cleaning supplies, exposed wires, a vacuum cleaner, and hand sanitizer located in the diapering station area, accessible to the children.

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: 5/18/2022

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****Comment**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Comment

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Food shall 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.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the crib sheets located in room B;Left Inf/Tod, were tight-fitting. There was one gray crib sheet that was not tight-fitting. There were six cribs that were used on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/14/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2020	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**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**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2021****Corrected on 5/18/2022****.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. A scheduled in person training was being completed.****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** Met**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2021****Corrected on 5/18/2022****.33(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The staff obtained the health and safety orientation training.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** Met**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022****Corrected on 5/18/2022****.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The staff was no longer employed at the center.****Correction Deadline: 11/16/2021****Corrected on 5/18/2022****.31(2)(b)7. - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The staff were no longer employed at the center.****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.