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Date: 6/21/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-594

Mother Hubbard's Day Care & Kindergarten #1

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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.
06/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/16/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Deficient	
03/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Support	

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 I	FRONT L	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Building I	FRONT R 3'S	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building I	Room B-2nd Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	11	NC	16	C	Free Play
Building I	Room C-3rd Right	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155					
BuildingII	Room D-Front		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
BuildingII	Room E-Rear		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155					
BuildingIII	Room F-Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
BuildingIII	Room G-Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155					
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building I	PGR- Lower	47	C
Building I	PGR- Upper	62	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2024

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

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)



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!



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(1) - Lesson plans were observed in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that there were no activities, supplies or equipment in room B where 12 children ages 6 to 11 were present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there was a strong urine smell and two out of the three toilets were not flushed in the preschool rest room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were 12 children in Room B, ages 6 through 11. The maximum 35 square foot capacity for Room B is 11.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that three of the laminate square tiles in the hallway to the preschool rest room were broken on the corners, and there was loose shag carpet over the threshold from the hallway to the preschool rest room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2024

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 stained ceiling tiles were observed on the far left back side of front left classroom (toddler) classroom, the toddler restroom and in the middle of the classroom front Right classroom (Preschool), a loose board was observed in the Preschool restroom and chipping paint as well as a gap in the wall was observed in the toddler restroom.

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: 6/28/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that a portion of the fencing behind the playground at the side of Building III had been damaged from a tree falling, causing the fence to sag and therefore not be maintained at 4 feet. In addition, the blue hand rail that leads from the upper playground to Building II had balusters that were no longer attached exposing screws. This also caused holes in the railing varying from nine inches to two feet. The hand rail itself had splintered wood.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Owner informed that the building (III) had been sold and would no longer be used for child care. The center will submit an amendment to remove the building from the license capacity and ensure a fence or barrier at least four feet in height is maintained between the two properties, therefore making the play area on the side of Building III inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

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 there was an portable basketball goal lying on its side and unusable along with an old rusted chair at the rear of the lower playground.

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: 6/28/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that Infant Feeding Plans were not obtained for the Infants enrolled in the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

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****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.

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.

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.13(2) - The previous citation of not obtaining parent permission for a field trip was observed to be corrected in that parent permission was obtained for field trips on June 12 and 13, 2024.

Finding

591-1-1-.13(5) requires Center Staff to leave a list of children and adults participating in the trip at the Center and to take the same list on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on a review of records that the Center did not leave a participant list of all adults and children that attended a field trip to Southern Lanes on June 12, 2024 and Center Hill Spray Grounds on June 13, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will create and distribute a list of participants for each trip taken.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.13(6) requires Center Staff to have emergency medical information on each child who goes on a field trip that includes allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications required to be taken on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and the telephone numbers where the parent can be reached. The emergency medical information shall be left at the Center as well as taken on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on a statement by the Director that emergency medical information form for each child attending either field on June 12 or June 13, 2024 was taken from their enrollment packet and taken on the field trip. This left no copies at the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will review emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip and obtain any missing information. The Center will ensure that this information is in the possession of both the Center and the required adult on the trip.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.13(7) requires Center Staff to ensure each child on a field trip has on their person their name, and the Center's name, address and telephone number. It was determined based on a statement by the Director that the children had T-shirts on with the name of the center, but no name tags.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will provide name tags for each child to wear on field trips that include all of the required information and will check that each child has the name tag on their person.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation of staff not having documentation of state required transportation training was observed to be corrected in that as stated by the Director that the center does not offer transportation effective the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(7)(a) - The previous citation of transporting a child without their identifying information was observed to be corrected in that the Director stated they ceased transportation at then end of the 2022/2023 school year.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation of a child being transported without emergency medical information on the vehicle was corrected in that per a statement from the Director that the center ceased transportation at the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(7)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the forms available for review were school transportation forms.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not use a passenger transportation checklist, provided by or in a format approved by the Department for a field trip on June 12, 2024 to Southern Lanes or a field trip on June 13, 2024 to Center Hill Spray Grounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - The previous citation of a first check not being completed was corrected through a review of records from March 13, through April 14, 2023 where the first check was completed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that on Friday April 14, 2023 there was no signature for the second check. It was stated by the Director that the center ceased transportation at the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

Recited on 6/21/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.36(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in reviewing the Transportation forms from March 13,2023 through April 14, 2023 all children had a travel time of less than forty-five minutes.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #4 did not have documentation of the required nutrition training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2024**Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1, 3, and 4 did not have documentation of the required ten hours of annual training for 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2024

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2024

.32(2) - The previous citation of staff:child ratio not being met for a mixed age group was observed to be corrected on this date that mixed age group ratios were adhered to.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room B there were 12 children, ages 6 through 11, with no supervision upon consultant's arrival to the center at 9:20 am. After two minutes the cook entered the room to provide supervision.

Upon rechecking Room B at 10:05 am it was observed that there was no supervision again. The consultant remained in the room. At 10:08 am a staff member entered the room to get supplies then exited the room. At 10:10 am a staff member asked one of the children a question from the door way then exited. At 10:13 am the staff member entered the room and began supervising the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024