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Date: 11/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-58140

Cornerstone Children's Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/27/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	Initial 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
Main	A-B23 - Colts	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A-B23 - Colts	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters,Diapering, Nap,Lunch
Main	B - B22 - Lambs Infants	Infants	3	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p,Free Play
Main	B - B22 - Lambs Infants	Infants	3	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Fr ee Play,Floor Play,Transitionin g
Main	C - B16 Cubs - Older Infants	One Year Olds	2	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	C - B16 Cubs - Older Infants	One Year Olds	2	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap,Floor Play,Feeding,Tr ansitioning
Main	D - C5 Owls	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Floor Play
Main	D - C5 Owls	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Circle Time,Music,Tra nsitioning,Lunch
Main	E-C8 HORSES	Five Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art

Main	E-C8 HORSES	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art,Transitioning,Lunch,Nap
Main	F C6 - BEARS	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F C6 - BEARS	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Centers
Main	G C9-GAZELLES	Four Year Olds	3	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers,Nap,Art
Main	G C9-GAZELLES	Three Year Olds	3	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	H C17 LIONS	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H C17 LIONS	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch,Art,Transitioning
Main	I B18 Colt's 2		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I B18 Colt's 2		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Not In Use
Main	J B23 COLTS		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J B23 COLTS		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Not In Use
Main	J C11 Great Great Room		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 344					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 124					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B - B22 Lambs (Infants)	63	C
Main	B - B22 Lambs (Infants)	63	C

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. The provider stated medication is administered, routine transportation is provided, a summer field trips has been taken, and no swimming activities are offered.

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Diane Born, Program Official

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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

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

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

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023

Corrected on 11/27/2023

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has added an exhaust fan above the diaper changing table.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - The center director will ensure that fire drills are held once a month and tornado drills will be held once every six months, per policy.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access **Met**

Comment

The parental access notice was observed to be posted as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Comment

Director provided 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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.