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Date: 8/8/2025

VisitType: Incident Investigation Closure from II/FollowUp on 07/21/2025

CCLC-66410

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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.
08/08/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
07/21/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/20/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Comments

07-21-25: The investigative findings were not concluded on this date.

08--08-25: The investigative findings were concluded on this date.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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

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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Closure:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding Associated with Investigation

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined based on an investigation that on July 7, 2025, at 11:22 a.m. a 1-year-old child was injured while in care. The staff did not promptly contact the parent/guardian of a 1-year-old child when a shelf was pushed over on the child's left leg and foot. The Department determined that the center failed to intervene or redirect the children when they pushed an unsecured shelf over onto the leg and foot of the 1-year-old child. Documentation revealed that the parent/guardian contacted the center and advised them of the child's injury. The 1-year-old child was taken to a medical facility and diagnosed with a closed fracture of proximal end of right tibia of the left leg/foot. Professional medical attention was required.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2025

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

Not Met

Finding Associated with Investigation

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on an investigation that on July 7, 2025, at 11:22 a.m. a 1-year-old child was injured while in care. The center did not secure the shelf to the floor, wall, or other equipment to ensure that the children are not injured. The 1-year-old child was treated at a medical facility and was diagnosed with a closed fracture of proximal end of right tibia of the left leg/foot. Professional medical attention was required.

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Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding Associated with Investigation

591-1-1-.07(2) requires that Parents be immediately notified and specific instructions obtained until the child can be picked up or returned to the group, immediately when professional medical attention is required, or when the child experiences symptoms of moderate discomfort, or when the child is involved in an incident that puts their health and/or safety at risk and to notify Parents by the end of the day when professional medical attention is not required, when the child experiences symptoms of less than moderate discomfort or when the child experiences an adverse reaction to prescribed medication which does not constitute moderate discomfort. It was determined based on an investigation that on July 7, 2025, at 11:22 a.m. a 1-year-old child was injured while in care. The staff did not promptly contact the parent/guardian of a 1-year-old child when a shelf was pushed over on the child's left leg and foot. The guardian picked up the 1-year-old child, took them home and observed that the child walked with a limp. The guardian notified the center by leaving a voicemail message. On July 8, 2025, the center reviewed video camera footage and confirmed the incident. The 1-year-old child was transported to a medical facility and diagnosed with a closed fracture of proximal end of right tibia of the left leg/foot. Professional medical attention was required.

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