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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/23/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-37886

Childcare Network #251

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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.
08/23/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/10/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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-1R (114)	Infants	1	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	C-2L (104)		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-2R (113)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	E-3L (105)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-3R (112)	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G-4L (106)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-4R (111)	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	I-5L (107)	PreK	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J-5R (110)	PreK	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	K-6L (108)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L-6R (109)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 221

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 72

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 221

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	64	C
Main	Plgd-B	51	C
Main	Plgd-C	110	C
Main	Plgd-D	87	C
Main	Plgd-E	22	C

Comments

The administrative review was completed on September 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/23/2022

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)

Chelsie Booker, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Finding

591-1-1.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation the following equipment was not in good repair:

- * Rust and chipped paint was present on 24 green chairs located in the sixth left classroom.
- * One rug was unraveled on the edge and two rugs were not secured to the floor and posed as a tripping hazard in the sixth left classroom.
- * The blue sofa in the fifth right classroom was torn with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The center will repair or replace the equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2022

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

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****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure parent's document work numbers as required.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * Plastic bags and two staplers were in an unlocked storage area in the fifth left classroom.
- * Baby wipes labeled as a suffocation hazard were in an unlocked cabinet under the diaper changing table in the second right classroom.
- * Plastic bags were underneath an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the fourth right classroom.
- * Plastic bags were in an unlocked storage area in the fifth right classroom.

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: 8/23/2022

Recited on 8/23/2022

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 the following were not clean or in good repair:

- * The ceiling tile located on the left side in the back corner of the fourth right classroom was stained as the ceiling was reportedly leaking.
- * Vents were dusty in the children's bathrooms in the second right, third right, fourth right, and fifth right bathrooms.
- * The toilet in the second right children's bathroom was rusted inside.

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: 9/7/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation the following playground equipment was not free of hazards:

Playground A

- * Mats located underneath the wooden walkway and in front of the red slide posed as a tripping hazard as they were not level to the ground.
- * Wood was splintered on the hand rails, walkway area, and throughout the wooden climbing play structure.
- * "S" hooks were rusted which were connected to three out of five bucket seats.

Playground B

- * The red and blue steering wheels connected to the wooden climbing structure had chipped paint and rust spots.
- * Wood was splintered at the base of the swing set and on the hand rails and throughout the wooden climbing play structure.
- * "S" hooks were rusted at the top and bottom of the swing set and "O" hooks were rusted on the chains that connected the swings.
- * Wood was splintered on the top of three out of four boards that were connected to the white tunnel and split at the base of the wooden boards that hold the tunnel in place.

Playground C

- * Wood was splintered and split throughout the wooden climbing play structure which were connected to the yellow and orange slide.
- * The wooden bench was splintered and split on the top and in the seated area.
- * Chipped paint and rust were present on two red tricycles.
- * "S" hooks were rusted at the top and bottom of the swing set and "O" hooks were rusted on the chains that connected the swings.
- * The red merry go round was broken as it was missing one of the seats.
- * Rust was present on the top of the fence which connected Playground C and Playground D.
- * The yellow tunnel connected to the wooden climbing play structure was dirty.

Playground D

- * "S" hooks were rusted at the top and bottom of the swing set and "O" hooks were rusted on the chains that connected the swings.
- * Wood was split at the base of the swing set and splintered and split throughout the wooden climbing play structure.
- * Chipped paint and rust was present on the red, yellow and blue see saw.
- * The yellow slide connected to the wooden climbing play structure was dirty.

Playground E

- * Chipped paint was present on the metal triangles that were connected to the "S" hooks at the bottom of the bucket seats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The wooden plank will be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Recited on 8/23/2022

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 that the following playground hazards were present:

Playground A

- * Mats were not level to the ground which posed as a tripping hazard under the walkway area and red slide connected to the wooden play structure.

- * Vegetation was protruding through the back fence.

- * Active wasp nests were present at the top of the wooden area which was connected to the bucket seats.

Playground B

- * Active wasp nests were present at the top of the wooden shaded area.

Playground C

- * Tree roots were present throughout the play area which posed as a tripping hazard.

Playground E

- * Spider egg sacks were located at the top of the chains of the bucket seats.

- * Active ants were surrounding the red merry go round on the seats and at the base of the equipment.

- * A spider was observed on the green push toy.

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: 8/29/2022

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation the refrigerator was not in good repair as it was not operable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking. The center will repair or replace the refrigerator.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2022

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in B8334 was completed on December 22, 2021. Vehicle with tag number ending in QM302 was completed on March 23, 2022.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed from August 15, 2022 through August 26, 2022.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all crib mattress are firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material as required. Consultant discussed with the director that one mattress that was not in use at the time had exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2022

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

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2008

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/15/2014	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/10/2022	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/01/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/24/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/22/2013	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/07/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/20/2022	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/07/2007	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/21/2022	Met

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on January 11, 2022.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2021.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.