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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/9/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 5:20 PM

CCLC-35858

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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.
11/09/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/11/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
05/25/2022	Complaint Closure	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	B- 3 to 4yrs	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- School Age	PreK	2	20	C	26	C	37	C	Nap
Main	F- 6wk - 6mth	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Main	G- Infants	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room A-Preschool	PreK	2	19	C	25	C	36	C	Nap
Main	Room C- 2's Potty Trained Only	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D- 12mth - 23mth	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161				
Total # Children this Date: 88						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	84	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and Monitoring Visit, and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/09/2022

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.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



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!

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)

Jayshri Soni, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.03(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records that current lesson plans were available for review on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be free of hazardous conditions, in good repair, and kept clean on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022****Corrected on 11/9/2022**

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that eight of eight children's files reviewed were observed to contain all the required information on this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022****Corrected on 11/9/2022**

.25(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the air conditioning system was observed to be operable throughout the Center on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined, based on observation, that one child in Room F was observed to be wearing an amber teething necklace on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met**

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined, based on observation, that the diaper changing surface in Room B was observed to have a tear with foam exposed which prevented the diaper changing surface from being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022

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-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.27 - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Center had all required posted notices posted on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.36(7)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the emergency medical information records contained all required information on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined, based on observation, that cots were stored with sheets and blankets stacked and touching on this date throughout the center when it was required for the bedding to be stored without touching any other cots on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 29	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/22/2022	
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Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/08/2022	
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Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/28/2022	
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Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 06/22/2015	
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Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/03/2022	
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Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	
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Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	
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Staff # 8	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/27/2020	
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Staff # 9	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
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Staff # 10	Met
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Records Reviewed: 29**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2014

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 24 Met

Records Reviewed: 29**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/08/2022

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

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2022

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

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 02/13/2019

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2019

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2022

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****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022**Corrected on 11/9/2022****.31(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the center identified designated lead teachers/lead caregivers for each group of children 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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure staff were providing direct supervision and watchful oversight of all children, as two staff were observed to be using their personal cell phones on this date which prevented them from providing watchful oversight of children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022**The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Visit:****Children's Records**

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.08(6) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records that the Center had arrival and departure records available on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 11/9/2022

.08(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, that the Center ensured that children were only released to authorized person(s) and that Center staff checked identification of release person(s) on this date.