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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/12/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-55067

Happy Feet Academy Preschool

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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.
12/12/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
08/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	Room B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	24	C

Comments

A follow up visit was conducted on this date. All previous rule citations were followed up on during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/28/2022

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)

Shawnasty Jackson, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Printed copies of the enrollment records were available upon request.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. An appropriate number of children were observed in classroom A on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The cabinet in the hall bathroom was observed to have a child safety lock on it.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.25(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All outlets were observed to be covered.

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B the snacks for the children are sent by the parents but do not meet the USDA requirements as required. Cheetos, Doritos, Cheez-Its, Ruffles potato chips, fruit snack gummies, Pop-Tarts, and only water was observed as snack.

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Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022**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>

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Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.15(2)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper feeding for infants was observed on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.10(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Running hot water was observed at each diapering hand washing sink.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that classroom B was still being used as a diapering classroom but no amendment had been submitted to change the classroom to a diapered classroom. Additionally, a barrier had been put up in the middle of the classroom to separate the classroom and make into two classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

Recited on 12/12/2022

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.29(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The director stated that they were aware of the required report procedures.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met**

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Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No infants were observed asleep in cribs with objects in the crib with them.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that in the infant classroom there was an infant asleep in a motorized infant seat and not asleep in a safety-approved crib as required. The infant was observed asleep at 1:14pm when the consultant first went into the classroom and was being removed from the infant seat at 1:30pm when the consultant returned to the infant classroom.

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Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022

Recited on 12/12/2022

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/13/2022****Corrected on 12/12/2022**

.14(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. 50% of staff were observed to have CPR/First Aid.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022****Corrected on 12/12/2022**

.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Credentials were observed for two staff members named as leads.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B there were 6 two-year-old children housed in the same classroom as 4 three-year-olds and 1 four-year-old children.

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Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022