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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/5/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-53592

KinderCare Learning Center (Cooper Lake #167)

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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.
12/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/15/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/16/2020	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	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - 2L (left)	Infants	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	Room C - 2L (right)	One Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	Room D - PreK (left)	GA PreK	2	15	C	36	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E - PreK (right)	GA PreK	2	18	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F - Rear	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 95

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (School-Age)	53	C
Main	Playground (Toddler)	109	C

Comments

An on site liscensing visit was conducted. The following items/rules were discussed: hazards, supervision, staff training, playgrounds, and the amendment process.

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.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)

Dana Davenport, Program Official

Date

Nakilia McCray, 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) Met

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 Consultant observation in Room A, 3-year-old room, disinfectant spray and sanitizer was accessible on top of the writing center, as well as sanitizer on top of the cubbies. It was also observed that adult scissors were accessible on a low shelf in the infant room. Also in the infant room, it was observed that the cabinet under the changing table was unlocked with accessible disinfecting wipes and disinfecting spray.

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: 5/5/2022

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 consultant observation, a screw was exposed (due to a missing knob) on the cabinet under infant room sink.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will make repairs to the cabinet. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 based on consultant observation, on the corner sidewalk on the preschool playground; a clear storage bin was filled with plastic items including an orange Home Depot mixing bucket. Both the storage bin and bucket were filled with standing water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will empty the storage bin and bucket as well as remove the storage bins and bucket from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on consultant observation, a child was left unattended on changing table for approximately 3 seconds when a staff member removed her hands from the child to walk away from the changing to throw away a soiled diaper.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically. The Center staff will keep the trash can right next to the changing table to ensure staff does have to leave child to dispose of soiled items.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on consultant observation that two children in the 3-year-old classroom and one child in the 2-year-old classroom did not wash their hands after toileting and diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on consultant observation that a staff in the 2-year-old classroom did not wash hands after changing and prior to diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2010

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/1992

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2016

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2012

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2022

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

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.

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

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Be sure all staff provide watchful oversight at all times. Remember to circulate throughout the classroom and during toileting for non-diapered children, look up from activities to ensure children are playing safely.

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