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Date: 9/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-35741

Learning Adventures Preschool Academy

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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.
09/27/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
08/25/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	
07/06/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	

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- 3- 12 years	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	26	C	Free Play
Main	B- Infant- 2 yrs	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41					
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 41				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. A Plan of Improvement was left and is due October 12, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/12/2023

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.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

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)



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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Alice Grissom, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that there is a current lesson plan in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

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.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022****Corrected on 9/27/2023**

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022**Corrected on 9/27/2023**

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 that the following hazards were found on the playground:

- The blue and red lemonade stand on the far right side had chipped paint on top of the inside.
- The yellow and red merry-go-round cycle had chipped paint and rust.
- The wooden seat on the blue and red metal bike was splintered with exposed screws.
- There were two blue "Little Tikes" rocking horses missing the rubber grips on the handles. The yellow rocking fish was missing the rubber grips on the handles.
- Under a wood covering between the back doors of both classrooms A and B was a blue "Safety 1st" Trike with a crack on the seat.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Recited on 9/27/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have feeding plans for four infants present on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the teacher how to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

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 teacher in classroom B did not sanitize and clean the changing pad after diapering a child.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Recited on 9/27/2023

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 observation that a child's hands were not washed after diapering in classroom B. The consultant discussed with the teacher required handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not conduct a fire drill for the month of August 2023. The center did not conduct a check of the smoke detector for the months of January- July 2023. The center did not conduct a check of the fire extinguisher for the months of January- July 2023.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

Corrected on 9/27/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #1 and staff member #6 did not complete two hours of transportation training as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2023

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure the inside of the vehicle they use to transport children is clean.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle with license plate number RRC8588 was without a fire extinguisher.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that two children were missing a check or other mark/symbol to account for both children entering and exiting the vehicle on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The director checked the sign in/out record confirming the children were present on this day. Additionally, from September 19, 2023 through September 22, 2023, two children were missing a check or other mark/symbol to account for both children entering and exiting the vehicle. The director checked the sign in/out record confirming the children were present on those days.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that the first check was not conducted immediately upon unloading the last child on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that the second check was not conducted immediately upon unloading the last child on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.,.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

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

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle with the license plate number RRC8588 was without a first aid kit. Additionally, the center's first aid kit was missing a cold pack, antiseptic spray, and anti- bacterial ointment.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #1, who is the primary person responsible for food preparation, did not complete four clock hours of training as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that she continues in the Child Development Associate program as required to obtain her credential.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on observation that a lead teacher in classroom A and B did not have evidence of educational credentials as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 9/27/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 9/27/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.