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Date: 5/2/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-30889

Easter Seals Child Development Center in Jackson

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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.
05/02/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/09/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
12/09/2024	Incident Investigation/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	Classroom A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom B	GA PreK	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom F	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Classroom G	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 51					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Back	116	C
Main	PG Right	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	3	14	14	23	14	0

Comments

This visit was to follow up from the previous visit conducted December 9, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decga.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

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Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 2 Not Met

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Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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Staff # 21 Not Met

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2024

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Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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Staff # 13 Not Met

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Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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Staff # 13

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2024

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

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Date of Hire: 09/11/2024

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

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Staff # 5 Not Met

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Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2024

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated age-appropriate discipline practices.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 13

Not Met

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Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Center does not serve infants

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

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Staff # 5

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Staff # 13 Not Met

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Staff # 21 Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit December 9, 2024.

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

Not Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff #5, date of hire October 20, 2023, and staff #13, date of hire September 11, 2024, did not have evidence of current certification in first aid and CPR on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that staff receive center orientation prior to being assigned to a classroom or task.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that staff #2, date of hire September 20, 2023, staff #13, date of hire September 11, 2024, staff #21, date of hire December 14, 2024, did not have evidence of health and safety orientation training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2025**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(5) - Consultant discussed with director to that Health and Safety Orientation training will count toward annual training every five years. .

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2025**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2023

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Staff # 13

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Date of Hire: 09/11/2024

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Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2024

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/9/2024

Corrected on 5/2/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Center staff stated that staff are positioned at the front and the back of children when transitioning, and head counts are performed before and after the transition.