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Date: 11/2/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:45 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-50217

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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.
11/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
10/24/2023	Initial-TA	Good Standing	
05/02/2023	POI Follow Up	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	A: 1R: Infants	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C: 3R: two's	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Centers
Main	D: 4R	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I: 4L: three's	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 2L: one's	Infants	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 143		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C

Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement to be submitted by November 16, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 11/17/2023

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

Kim Barger, Program Official

Date

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that wooden shelves in Room B, D, E, F G, H and J were in need of being secured.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Technical Assistance

Room K had 11 children present and 10 cribs. The center had access to another crib in another class that would be used. Consultant discussed that the number of children enrolled in the class needs to reflect the numbers of cribs present in the class at all times.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed cleaning and monitoring of restrooms.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

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****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 observation that the following hazards were accessible to children in care.

Room D- 'Bath and Body Works' hand soap that read "keep out of reach of children" was located on the sink.

Room F- A plunger was accessible in the restroom and adult scissors were on a shelf within the classroom.

Room H- Baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" were in the restroom.

Room I- Baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" were under the unlocked diapering station.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023

Corrected on 11/2/2023

.25(3) - Citation corrected.

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 observation that the following items were observed on center playgrounds and accessible to children.

Left Playground- Concrete sidewalks were not flush.

Right Playground- Concrete sidewalks had approximately a six inch gap in areas that posed a tripping hazard.

Swings and sliding equipment were in need of being cleaned due to a black residue.

Back Playground- Large sliding equipment was missing a wooden slat which posed a tripping hazard on the platform.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Recited on 11/2/2023

Food Service

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that blueberries should not be served to children under four due to choking hazard. In addition, plates are required when children are being served meals and USDA guidelines must be met and children must be offered the food to meet the guidelines and in Room C children only had toast.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

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 in Room K two of 11 infant feeding plans were not initialed by the parents on the introduction of solid foods and five of 11 did not have the type of formula listed that the child was being fed.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant discussed the diapering station in Room C needs to be pulled up more so it is more adjacent with the sink.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that in Room I a plate of food, and three used cups were stored on the diapering station.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Per the person in charge no medication was dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Room I was changed from a non-diapering room to a diapering room without an amendment. An amendment will need to be submitted by November 9, 2023 to change the status of the room.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed that a more clear process for the field trip forms needs to take place going forward.

Finding

591-1-1-.13(2) requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined based on a review of records that one child attended a field trip to Denny Dobbs Park on June 28, 2023 without parental permission.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that going forward due to new rule requirements that dates need to be listed each day on the transportation form. An email was sent with a template of the new form.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Finding

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 observation that on October 9, 2023 during morning transportation a child was not marked as loaded/unloaded or absent, in addition on October 13, 2023 11 children were not marked as loaded/unloaded or absent during morning transportation to Eastlake.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that no departure or arrival times were noted on a field trip June 28, 2023 when the center left Denny Dobbs Park and returned to the center. It was further determined that on June 29, 2023 no departure or arrival times were noted for a field trip to Denny Dobbs Park. In addition on October 13, 2023 during morning transportation to Eastlake departure, load/unload and return times were not listed and a return time was not listed that afternoon when the center bus returned.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 51

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2023

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2023

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2023

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 16

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Technical Assistance

Background check requirements were discussed on this date for portability, and having independent contractors present for services contacted through the parents.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****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 a review of record that one staff member over 90 days of hire did not have first aid and CPR training.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on a review of records that four staff members did not have completed health and safety orientation prior to being placed in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

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 a review of records tht one staff member over 90 days of hire did not have health and safety orientation.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room C two staff members were present walking throughout the classroom while two one-year-old children were seated at the table eating breakfast.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023