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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/8/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:00 PM

Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-28062

SGMC Child Care Center

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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.
08/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/02/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/29/2021	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	A-infant-1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-3-4 years	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3-4 years		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-1-2 years	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-infant-2 years	Infants	2	4	C	24	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground 1	7	C
Main	Playground 2	51	C

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 8, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 15, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 29, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

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)

Sandra Clark, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, Consultant

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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-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The center was within the licensed capacity.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.25(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Doors to rooms not approved for child care were observed to be latched or locked.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in the Infant room an electrical cord from a crock pot was hanging down from a table that was open underneath and accessible presenting a burn hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022

Recited on 8/8/2022

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.15(2)(f) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Food for infants were observed to be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller to prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.15(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Substitutions were observed to be listed on the menu.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected. There were no infants observed with pacifiers attached to their clothing.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 in Classroom D a child did not wash their hands after toileting.

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: 8/8/2022

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.17(7)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected. In the infant classroom staff was observed to wipe an infant's hands after a diaper change.

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 observation that in Classroom D staff did not wash their hands after assisting a child with toileting.

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: 8/8/2022

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.22 - This citation was observed to be corrected. Parental access was observed to be permitted.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.30(1)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Children in the two-year-old classroom were observed to be napping on mats as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.30(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Infants in the infant classroom were observed to be napping in safety-approved cribs.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/27/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022**Corrected on 8/8/2022**

.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The center maintained Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022****Corrected on 8/8/2022**

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Staff was observed to provide watchful oversight.