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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/25/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-2398

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST 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.
08/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/24/2021	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
Bldg 1	A		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	B	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg 1	C		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	22	C	Centers
Bldg 1	E		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	F	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	22	C	Circle Time
Bldg 1	g	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 1	H	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,Free Play
Bldg 1	I		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	J		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	K		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	L		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg 1	M		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 312							
Bldg II	Downstairs		0	0	C	12	C	17	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	O		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	P		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	Q		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	T- Upstairs		0	0	C	25	C	34	C	Not In Use
Bldg II	U-Upstairs		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 312
Total # Children this Date: 55	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 287	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 312

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Large	112	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 2, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/25/2022

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)

C. Latrice Thornton-Murchison, 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

591-1-1.12 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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.18(5) - Please ensure that all refrigerators that are used for children's food are equipped thermometers.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that two cans of fruit cocktail were stored on the floor in the kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on the bus with license tag #4819, the bottom of the fourth seat on the right was detached from the back which posed a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022

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 review of records that Center Staff did not designate with a signature that a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check was conducted on the Browns Mill route on August 18, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/08/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2022

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

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2005

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2022

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

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2021

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/1995	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 06/07/2018	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.