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Date: 12/4/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-2983

The Walker Primary School

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Quality Rated: No

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.
12/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/09/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/07/2022	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	115	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	116	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	117	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	118 Art Room		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	121	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	122	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	123	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	MULTI PURP		0	0	C	47	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 91					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PRESCH. PGROUND	35	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/04/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jessica Waugh, Program Official	Date
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Neli Todorova, Regional Consultant	Date
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Kaiyah Werts, Regional Consultant	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.

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

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure exhaust vents are working properly. Spoke with director about exhaust vents in the children's bathrooms. Director will provide most recent inspection report that stated exhaust vents are working properly.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2023

Corrected on 12/4/2023

.19(1) - Previous citation corrected in that classroom 122 met the license capacity of 15 children. 15 children were present on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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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 in classroom 115 had two teacher personal bags and hand cream in the teacher's unlocked drawer. In classroom 116 there were a teacher's personal bag in an unlocked drawer and a can of Barbasol shaving cream in an unlocked cabinet. In room 117 there was a teacher's purse in an unlocked drawer. In classroom 122 there were batteries in an unlocked drawer accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute around the swings and all fall zones.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen/ food preparation area appears clean and well organized. Food is not cook on site, it is catered in. The catering company has a current DPH permit and score card of 100 percent.

Health and Hygiene

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

No children enrolled who require diapering.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17 - Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Please ensure children are washing their hand after transitioned from library and and multipurpose room.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

591-1-1-.16(f) - Please submit an Amendment to add the Library as special use space and re-measure rooms 121, 122 and 123.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(3) - Please ensure fire drills are conducted monthly, other emergency drills are conducted every six months and all drills are documented.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle with license plate number WKX214 used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle with license plate number WKX214 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Please ensure all volunteers including senior buddies have a background check on file if they are 17 years and older and all contractors from the catering company must have background checks on file.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

Health and Safety Training was observed to be complete for all staff on this date.

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

Adequate supervision in the classroom observed on this date.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - Please ensure all children are supervised when leaving the classroom to use the bathroom or retrieving items from their cubby area that is located outside the classroom.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed in the classroom on this date.

