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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/14/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-668

Fannin County Head Start/PreK

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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.
12/14/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/04/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/15/2020	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-1st Left (3-4 HS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-2nd Left (3-4 HS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-3rd Left (3 Yr HS)	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-4th Left (Partnership)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-Multipurpose		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-3rd RT (GA PreK)	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-2nd RT (GA PreK)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-1st RT (Partnership)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I-Office Space		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	J-Special Education		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 197

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 82

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 197

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	179	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 14th, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 14th, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Consultant requests the provider to sign and date the report in two areas and return to back to the consultant after the report is reviewed and signed.

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/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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Sherry Moore, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, 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.

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

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.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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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: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/10/2021

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/27/2001

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/22/2019

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/26/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/29/2003	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/13/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/09/2007	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/28/2014	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/02/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/21/2006	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/25/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/01/2011	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/04/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three (3) file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3) - Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31 - 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)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.