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Date: 6/4/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:05 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

CCLC-51695

Little Blessyn's Childcare Learning 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.
06/04/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Clean Up, Centers
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	C	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	5	NC	NA	NA	Free Play, Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	24	C

Comments

An in person Monitoring Visit was conducted on this day. The owner stated no medication is administered no field trips or swimming activities through out the center. The center owner stated no transportation has been provided since the week of December 11 - 15. The center is currently not providing transportation. There is a total of 9 staff with 5 being new hires since the consultant's last visit.

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.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!



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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)

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)

Not Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. 20 children were observed to be present today.

Finding

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that a staff member was supervising 8 children in classroom C, which is licensed for 5 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

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The center will ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. There were two toilet brushes and plunger in bathroom B and C.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Technical Assistance

The center will ensure that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. (Extensive damage was done to the playground fence following the storm that occurred during the night of Tuesday January 9, 2024. The owner has contacted city officials for repair of the fencing. The owner stated there is extra supervision in place where staff members stand near the fencing to ensure children do not get out during play time.)

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider stated the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2024

Corrected on 6/4/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this day. The consultant observed an updated fire drill log.

Safety**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-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2024

Corrected on 6/4/2024

.36(7)(d)2. - The center owner stated that no transportation has been provided since the week of December 11, 2023.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

The center will ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. (8 cots were exposed to the three and four year old children and were not covered)

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2024

Corrected on 6/4/2024

.14(3) - The previous citation was marked as corrected. The owner stated that the center has not transported children since the week of December 11, 2023.

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

The center owner will ensure that all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. (Staff # 2, 5, and 9).

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

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

The center owner will ensure that newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements must enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. (Staff # 1 and 9)

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Technical Assistance

The center owner will ensure the Center maintain the lead teacher's professional development plan in the file and available for inspection by Department staff upon request. (Staff # 1 and 9)

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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

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

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