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Date: 2/6/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

CCLC-38863

Pea-N-A Pod Learning Center

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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.
02/06/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/22/2022	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		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	Infants and Two Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	D		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E	Four Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 5			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	73	C

Comments

The plan of improvement was reviewed and verbiage added. The repairs are scheduled to be completed no later than February 19, 2023.

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

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 user id 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!

Bertha Smith, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

Defer

Defer

Children's records were still in the process of being reviewed and corrected. The Director stated all files would be reviewed by February 19, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

Facility

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

All playground repairs were in progress. The Director stated all repairs were scheduled to be completed no later than February 19, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023**Defer**

All playground repairs were in progress. The Director stated all repairs were scheduled to be completed no later than February 19, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**Defer**

All playground repairs were in progress. The Director stated all repairs were scheduled to be completed no later than February 19, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023****Corrected on 2/6/2023**

Popcorn was removed from the playground.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023****Corrected on 2/6/2023**

The Director stated training will be completed as required. Training will be checked for new staff during the following regulatory visit. Annual training will be checked during the following licensing study.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023**Corrected on 2/6/2023**

The Director stated training will be completed as required. Annual training will be checked during the following licensing study.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

Corrected on 2/6/2023

The Consultant discussed that infants through two-year-old children and three-year-old children and older could be housed together, unless it was the first hour or the last hour of the day when all children could be combined as long as ratios were maintained according to the youngest age.