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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/23/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:20 AM

Departure: 12:20 PM

CCLC-33443

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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.
08/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/14/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
01/28/2022	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	Left	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	20	C	Nap
Main	Right		0	0	C	6	C	8	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 36							
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 36							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main-Play yard	36	C

Comments

An electronic copy of the monitoring visit report was emailed to the provider. An exit conference was conducted virtually.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/23/2022

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/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 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)

Jacqueline Smith, Program Official

Date

Kaycee Purvis, Consultant

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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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed children's files during an administrative review on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.08(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Director stated that the center was in 100 % compliance with immunizations.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.08(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of children's daily arrival and departure records during an administrative review.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the chain link fence surrounding the Main-Play yard was rusting.

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: 10/14/2022

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.15(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of the weekly menu during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.15(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed infant feeding plans.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.18(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observed food stored on the floor on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring staff do not allow children to use paci straps.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

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

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.21(p) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed emergency plans during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.21(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of fire drills during an administrative review.

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.22 - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff allow parents access to classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.36(3)(a-b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of staff's transportation training during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.36(4)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of the annual safety check during the administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.36(4)(b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the interior of the vehicle to be free of hazardous items on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.36(7)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2021

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based upon observation that nine out of nine children in the Middle Classroom did not have a cot sheet during nap. It was further determined that three out of three children did not have a cot sheet during nap in the Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 requires that a light cover be available for each child's use on a cot or mat and shall be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based upon observation that nine out of nine children in the Middle Classroom did not have a blanket during nap. It was further determined that three out of three children did not have a blanket during nap in the Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a light cover is available for each child and will meet the requirements for laundering.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based upon observation that one child was asleep in the crib with a toy in the crib in the Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022

Staff Records	
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Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/06/2012	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/2013	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.14(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of CPR and first aid training for staff during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.33(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of Health and Safety Orientation training for staff on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based upon a review of records that the center failed to provide the Consultant with evidence of food preparation training for the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation during an administrative review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Recited on 8/23/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2022

Corrected on 8/23/2022

.33(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of annual training for the 2021 calendar year for staff during an administrative review.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based upon observation that Staff in the Middle Classroom left the class to open the front door upon the Consultant's arrival leaving nine children unattended.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2022