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Date: 2/7/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:55 AM Departure: 3:25 PM

CCLC-14468

A Child's Dream Childcare and 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.
02/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/08/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/23/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	Left (infant)	Infants	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Story,TV
Main	Middle Left	Two Year Olds	3	25	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Middle Right Back	Three Year Olds	3	23	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Centers
Main	Middle Right Front	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	Right Back	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Story
Main	Right Front		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Trailer		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 92			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Left	6	C
Main	B Middle back yard	22	C

Main	C Right rear year	12	C
Main	D right front yard	28	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/07/2024

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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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that big wooden blocks are stored at the children's hip level or lower to reduce the risk of falling hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please repair patches of flooring next to the cubbies in classroom Main Right Back.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that brooms, dust pans, and cleaning solution spray bottles are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(3) - Please repair the end of the railing on the bottom left side of the stairs that leads to the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were present on this date:

Main A Left Playground

- The gate had six protruding bolts that measured over two threads.
- The back left fencing had three small openings that measured less than one inch with sharp cracks that caused a potential cutting hazard.

Main B Middle Back Yard Playground

- The back left fencing was leaning and unsecured.
- A protruding nail was located on the top slat of the top back middle fencing.

Main C Right Rear Playground

- The gate had four protruding bolts that measured over two threads.

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: 3/8/2024

Recited on 2/7/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that the left basketball goal backboard and swing chains on playground Middle Back Yard are free from rust.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(7) - Please ensure that any equipment that requires anchor ties are flush with the equipment or ground in order to prevent potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant and Director discussed adding additional resilient surfacing to the zip line runway.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Director discussed spray painting tree roots in order to prevent potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that Infant Feeding Plans are updated periodically.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Corrected on 2/7/2024

.15(3) - Correction of previous citation in that baby bottles and formula were refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less on this date.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023**Corrected on 2/7/2024****.30(1)(a)3 - Correction of previous citation in that all crib sheets were tight fitting on this date.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed placing a large covering over cots that are stored within the classroom when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Comment**

The Consultant and Director discussed the requirement differences between Health and Safety Orientation training and ten (10) hours of diverse annual training.

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based upon a review of records that the following Staff members did not have ten annual hours of training for 2023 as required by the Department:

- Staff # 3 lacked seven hours of annual training.
- Staff #6 lacked eight hours of annual training.
- Staff #11 lacked three hour of annual training.
- Staff #12 lacked three hours of annual training.
- Staff #16 lacked one hour of annual training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

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