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Date: 5/29/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:10 PM

CCLC-3197

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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.
05/29/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Deficient	
05/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/19/2023	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	1st Left	One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Centers,Transitioning,Outside
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Nap,Centers,Outside
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Feeding,Nap,Centers,Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Centers,Nap,Outside
Main	E - Assembly Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	13	C	57	C	NA	NA	Centers,Music,Art,Nap,Transitioning,TV,Outside,Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	5	C
Main	Playground - One	116	C

Comments

An in person CI/MV POI/Follow-Up was conducted on this day. Center staff stated no medication is administered, no field trips, routine transportation, or swimming activities are provided. The center currently has a three star Quality Rating. The center has a total of twelve staff with five new hires since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/12/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Comment

Lesson plans were observed to be current and posted in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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. The consultant observed forty two children to be present during this visit.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 on observation that the following hazards were observed during this visit:

Front Playground:

***One of two pink Schwinn petal tricycles has a seven inch tassel with multiple strands hanging on the right handlebar causing a potential choking hazard.

***One of two pink Schwinn petal tricycles has a seven inch tassel with multiple strands hanging on the left handlebar causing a potential choking hazard.

***The blue and yellow metal monkey bars is chipping paint.

***The black springy horse is chipping paint.

Back Playground:

***The black metal handle bars of the yellow merry go round is chipping paint.

***Two of two yellow metal volley ball goal poles is chipping paint.

***Four of four blue bars located on the wooden gym set to the right of the playground is chipping paint.

***The blue metal monkey bars located on the wooden gym set to the right of the playground is chipping paint.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2024**Food Service**

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Comment

The consultant observed infant bottles to be labeled and dated.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Comment

The consultant observed infants to be held appropriately when feeding.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(12) - Center staff will prohibit children from being in the kitchen except as part of a planned, supervised learning experience. After school were observed to be freely walking in and out of the kitchen while a staff member was cooking lunch.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The staff member in charge stated no medication is administered.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on a staff member's statement that infant sheets are changed weekly and not daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The center director will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. Random mats located in the two-year-old and three-year-old classrooms were ripped at the seams.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The center director 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. Five mats and sheets located in the hallway outside of the one-year-old classroom were stacked beside each other and the sheets were touching. Additionally, six mats and sheets located inside of the two-year-old classroom were stacked on top of each other and the sheets were touching. Additionally, a teacher in the two-year-old classroom slid the mats and sheets across the floor with her foot touching the sheets.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - The center director will ensure that a first aid kit is located in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. The tube of Benadryl anti itch cream expired June of 2023 and the tube of Neosporin expired July of 2023. This was noted on the last regulatory report.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i) requires 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. It was determined based on review staff files that staff # 1 and staff # 4 do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements to be a lead teacher.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Finding

591-1-1.31(2)(b)3.(iii) requires the Center to maintain the lead teacher's professional development plan in the file and available for inspection by Department staff upon request. It was determined based on review of staff files that staff # 1 and staff # 4 do not have a professional development plan on file as required to maintain the lead teacher's position.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2024

Corrected on 5/29/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation associated with a previous complaint was observed to be corrected on this day. The consultant observed staff to be circulating around the playground while children were having play time.

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 on observation that staff # 4 was not 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, when the staff member was laying on a mat located in the back of the classroom, with a blanket covering their face, and on a cell phone during nap time in the three-year-old classroom. Additionally, the consultant made a second visit to the classroom twenty minutes later and the staff member had resumed laying on the mat in the back of the classroom with a blanket covering their face and was on a cell phone. Additionally, the consultant made a third visit to the classroom forty-five minutes later and the staff member had resumed laying on the mat in the back of the classroom with a blanket covering their face.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024