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Date: 3/18/2024 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-51677

Rocking Horse Childcare 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.
03/18/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/18/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/19/2023	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	E:1L		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room A	Infants	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 32					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant)	13	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	12	C
Main	Playground C (3 - 12 yrs)	38	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and monitoring visit. A plan of improvement was left and is due on April 4, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/02/2024

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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Danyelle Wentzell, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that classroom B, C, and D were without lesson plans.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Recited on 3/18/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that classroom C did not have enough toys available. In the library area there was a book shelf without books.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Recited on 3/18/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms had floor coverings that posed a hazard to the children's health and safety:

- Classroom A had 11 tiles with cracks beginning near the cubbies and ending near the stainless steel refrigerator. Additionally, there were four tiles near the entrance door with cracks.
 - Classroom B had 13 tiles near the entrance door and bathroom with cracks.
 - Classroom D had three tiles near the back door with cracks.
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Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards posed a risk to children's health and safety:

- Classroom C had a red cozy chair with tears on the right and left side. Also, in classroom C the floors were with stains and needed cleaning.
 - The back door in classroom D was with rust, dirt, and peeling paint. The walls in classroom D had stains throughout. Also, in classroom D the flooring was with stains and food particles. Additionally, in classroom D the carpet near the white dry erase board was with stains.
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Correction Deadline: 4/1/2024

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

Not Met

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 on playground C the fencing did not measure four feet high. The left back corner of the fence measured 40 1/2 inches in height. Additionally, the right back corner of the fence measured 41 inches in height.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were found on the playground:

- Weeds growing along the left side of the fence and the wall of the building on playground C. There was exposed black tarp throughout and a broken blue chair on playground C. Additionally on playground C there was an ant bed near the back door of classroom D.
 - Weeds growing along the back fence and the wall of the building on playground B.
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Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

Corrected on 3/18/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Comment

Proper diapering procedures was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on observation that classroom A had two children with runny noses. There were three children in classroom B with runny noses. Additionally, classroom C and D had once child in each classroom with a runny nose. The teachers in classroom B, C, and D wiped the children's nose upon the request of the consultant.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the water fountains are kept clean and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Comment

The water fountains are not in use. The director will place a "Not in use" sign over the fountains.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the teacher did not wash the child's hands after cleaning the child's nose in classroom B and C.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that the teacher did not wash her hands after wiping a child's nose in classroom C.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Safety

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all teachers practices age appropriate discipline when using timeout.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number five did not complete CPR and first aid within 90 days of their hire date as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2024

Recited on 3/18/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2023

Corrected on 3/18/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2023

Corrected on 3/18/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 on a review of records that staff number two had seven hours of annual training and not 10 hours as required for 2023.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Recited on 3/18/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on observation that a lead teacher did not have evidence of educational credentials as required in classrooms B, C, and D.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Recited on 3/18/2024

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)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

