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Date: 2/4/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:25 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-3418

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Same

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.
02/04/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/04/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	1-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Centers,Lunch,Transitioning,Outside
Main	2 - Front Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Outside,Lunch,Centers
Main	3 - 1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Centers,Outside,Nap
Main	4 - 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning,Centers,Outside
Main	5 - 2nd Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	6 - 1st Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 63					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	165	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	24	37	0	11

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. The provider stated medication is administered, no field trips, routine transportation or swimming activities are provided. The center has ten staff with three being a new hire since the consultant's last visit. This Licensing study was a complaint associated.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed GELDS lesson plans to be current in all classrooms in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Comment

The consultant observed age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

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

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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.

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Facility

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a black teacher's purse was located on the shelf under the Approaches to Learning sign of classroom 4 and accessible to the three and four-year-old children. Additionally, a broom and dust pan was stored behind the classroom door and accessible to the three and four-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

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 on observation and pictures taken that the following were present on the playground and accessible to the three, four, and five-year-old children.

---A red metal truck is chipping paint.

---The wooden seat of a red metal truck is weathered and splintering.

---The protective plastic covering is cracked at the child hand level on seven of fourteen swing chains.

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: 2/24/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and pictures taken that one to three inches of resilient surface was located under the white, yellow, and blue slide, and seven of seven swings where six inches are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Meals for the center is transported from Liberty County Head start to Wayne County Head Start.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

The center director reports no diapering children to be enrolled.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff stated appropriate discipline policy, one minute per age in time out, and positive reinforcement discussion and redirection.

591-1-1.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Comment

The center director stated no infants are enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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.