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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/20/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-36303

Cornerstone Children's 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.
10/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/01/2021	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	A-INF COLTS	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-INF LAMBS	Infants	4	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Free Play
Main	C-1YR CUBS	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D-2YR OWLS	Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	E-4-5 YRS HORSES	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	F-3 YR BEARS		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-3YRS-GAZELLES	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	H-5-12YRS LIONS		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-2YR SHEEP	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 62					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B-BK 5-12 YEARS	63	C

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. The center director stated there is a total of 27 staff members with 11 being new hires since the consultant's last visit in addition to 4 volunteers. The center director stated medication is administered, field trips and routine transportation is provided.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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)

Diane Born, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed updated lesson plans in all classrooms in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

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: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

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.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

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**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on review of the medication logs that one child's authorization for medication form request medication to be administered on September 29, 2022 and September 30, 2022, and the medication was administered on September 29, 2022 and nothing was documents as the child being absent or receiving the medication on September 30, 2022 as requested by the parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-22 Parental Access**Met****Comment**

The consultant observed a parental access notice to be posted on the parent bulletin board.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

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.

Comment

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2022

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 4

Met

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/07/2013

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2016

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2022

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2013

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/19/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2016

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2022

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19 Met

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/29/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2017

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 11/29/2021

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2022

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2019

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2018

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2022

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 29 Met

Staff # 30 Met

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 11 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.

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

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.