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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-35616

Childcare Network #232

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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.
12/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/01/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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-1L	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3L	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2R	Three Year Olds	1	24	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second Level	F-Pre-K A	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Second Level	H-Pre-K B	PreK	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Second Level	I-Afterschool	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Snack, Free Play
Second Level	J-Middle Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Second Level	K-Pre-K C	PreK	1	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 141			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	98	C
Main	Left Playground	28	C
Main	Right Playground	56	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and Follow Up visit. The investigative findings were not concluded on this date.

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)

Brittney Parmley, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.12(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the equipment and furniture was observed to be secured on this date.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that five of five children's files reviewed contained all required information on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that there were no potential hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.25(17) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the thorny vines were observed to be cut back and not growing through the fence on the Back Playground in the back right corner on this date.

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.26(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the route to the Right Playground was observed to be free of hazards on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(4)- The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit. The center has submitted a work order and ordered materials to repair the fences surrounding all playgrounds on this date.

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: 12/15/2022

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground was observed to be free of hazards on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff did not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

Defer

Comment

The Consultant observed complete first and second checks of the vehicle at the conclusion of afternoon routine transportation on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit due to the staff having more time to correct the citation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2022

.30(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the stacks of cots in the classrooms were made inaccessible to children with covers over the stacks on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2022

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

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2018

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2013

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 05/03/2021

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 04/04/2022

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 10/16/2017

Staff # 10

Met

Records Reviewed: 27**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2020

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2022

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2020

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2000

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2021

Records Reviewed: 27**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2022

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

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 05/29/2018

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed naptime ratios.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that staff: child ratios were met during nap, as the staff: child ratio cannot be doubled for children less than three-years-old. Room B - 2L was observed to be at nap and operating with a staff: child ratio of 1:14 when 2:14 was required. The Center was observed to place a second staff person in the classroom to meet the staff: child ratio. Room E - 1R was observed to be at nap and operating with a staff: child ratio of 1:17 when a ratio of 2:17 was required. The Center was observed to place a second staff person in the classroom to meet the staff: child ratio.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022