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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/18/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-39883

Small Smiles Learning & 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.
05/18/2022	POI Follow Up	Support	
03/25/2022	Licensing Study	Support	
11/18/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	8	NC	11	C	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 28					
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 28				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	39	C

Comments

A Plan of Improvement follow-up visit was conducted on May 18, 2022. The viist report was completed on May 31, 2022 and emailed to the owner.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/07/2022

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/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



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)

Kristie Blake, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.08(1) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The child records have been corrected.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom B had 10 children present in a space that is licensed for eight children. The center's total licensed capacity is 25 children and 26 children present on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

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

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.25(12) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The space heater has been removed.

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 the following hazards were observed:

- In the bathroom of classroom C, a yellow plastic bag and two toilet brushes were observed to be stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink accessible to children in care.
- In classroom C, a white plastic bag and yellow plastic bag were observed to be stored in the bottom portion of the changing table that were accessible to the children in care.

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Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022

Recited on 5/18/2022

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Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.25(3) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The paint has been repainted and no peeling paint was observed.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.25(8) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. No hanging cords were observed.

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 that following equipment hazards were observed:

- Two small red tricycles were missing the handle grips.
 - Three red tricycles were missing one or both pedals.
 - Four red tricycles had cracked plastic and holes in the top of the seats.
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Correction Deadline: 6/1/2022

Recited on 5/18/2022

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 that the resilient surfacing at the base of all three slides and at the base of the ladder measured three inches of resilient surfacing where six inches is required.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2022

Recited on 5/18/2022

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.26(9) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The ant hill was no longer present.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.18(7) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The kitchen was clean on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2022

.10(9) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. No food items were stored on the hand washing sink.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

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591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation will be evaluated at the next Licensing Study.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) requires the Center to have a Director who is responsible for the supervision, operation and maintenance of the Center. The Director must be on the Center's premises. If the Director is absent from the Center at any time during the hours of the Center's operation, there shall be an officially designated person on the Center site to assume responsibility for the operation of the Center, and this person shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that the director works full time at another position and is not at the center at least 80 percent of operating hours as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/1/2022

Recited on 5/18/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records that the director did not possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/15/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that the lead caregivers in classrooms A, B, and C did not meet the minimum academic requirements as required.

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Correction Deadline: 5/2/2022