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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/21/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:35 AM **Departure:** 5:10 PM

CCLC-1762

ABC Child Care Center #1

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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.
09/21/2022	Licensing Study	Deficient	
04/05/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/30/2021	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	1-Front room	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast,Circle Time
Main	2- Back Left	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	18	C	Outside,Transitioning
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Music,Free Play
Main	4-upstairs PreK	PreK	2	17	C	20	C	28	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78					
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	31	C
Main	Front	26	C

Comments

An in person visit was conducted on this date. A one-day letter was left at the center. The Background video affidavit is to be submitted by September 28, 2022.
 A revised copy of this report was emailed to the center on October 4, 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/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)

Dedria Myers, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Facility

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 cleaning supplies were accessible to children in unlocked cabinets under the sinks in the front room and upstairs children bathroom.

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Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

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

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center has added additional mulch to the playground. Discussed fluffing the mulch inn the fall zones of the climbing equipment.

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 on the front right playground there were three small nails protruding from the wooden post near the white bridge. In addition the paint was peeling on the side of the post.

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Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Recited on 9/21/2022

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

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)

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Observed documentation that the program completes drills as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the back of five bus seat covers were torn.

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Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have parental authorization for school transportation for 10 of the 26 children transported by the center.

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Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022

Recited on 9/21/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have the required emergency medical information on the vehicle for 6 of the 26 children that are transported to and from school by the center.

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Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022

Recited on 9/21/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that staff did not sign the transportation form to document that a second check of the vehicle was performed after transporting children from Heard Elementary on the afternoon of September 8, 2022. There were also no signatures to indicate that a second check of the vehicle was performed on the morning and afternoon of Friday September 9, 2022, for Charles Ellis Elementary, Heard Elementary, Juliette Low Elementary and Jacob G Smith Elementary.

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Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Recited on 9/21/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

There are no infants enrolled at this center. The children mats were observed to be in good condition.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2011	
Staff # 2	Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/23/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2022	
<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
Staff # 10	Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Date of Hire: 02/10/2015

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2021

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2011

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 3 and #4 Comprehensive Records Check Determination had expired and the staff did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

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Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that staff # 3 and #4 Comprehensive Records Check Determination had expired.

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Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #2 who started working at the center on November 23, 2021 did not complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment.

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Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

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Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 9/21/2022

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Training for the year 2021 was observed during the visit. Training for the year 2022 will be evaluated during the next licensing study.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.