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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/30/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 10:55 AM

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. |
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| 09/30/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 02/18/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 10/08/2020 | Complaint 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 | 1-Front room | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | 2- Back Left | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | Centers |
| Main | 3- Back Right | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | 4-upstairs PreK | GA PreK | 2 | 19 | C | 20 | C | 28 | C | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 65 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78 | | | | |

Total # Children this Date: 40 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 Administrative Review was conducted on September 18, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 30, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/30/2021

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.decal.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |
| Child # 5 | Met |
| Child # 6 | Met |

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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| Facility |
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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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| Health and Hygiene |
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, handwashing supplies were observed at all sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the director.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

The Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation observed that the center completed emergency drills as required.

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

Met

Comment

Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. The center's discipline policy and practices were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

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 1 of the 28 children transported by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2021

Recited on 9/30/2021

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 1 of the 28 children that are transported to and from school by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2021

Recited on 9/30/2021

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| Sleeping & Resting Equipment |
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Comment

There are no infants enrolled at this Center. The children mats and bedding was stored as required.

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| Staff Records |
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Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/26/2017 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/04/2007 | |
| Staff # 5 | Not Met |

Date of Hire: 01/27/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 6

Met

Staff # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2015

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/12/2021

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 11

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1) - Discussed the criminal record check requirements for independent contractors and therapist who provide services to children at the center. Discussed every therapist must have valid Evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination issued by DECAL in order to provide services at the center.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that the director did not have current CPR and first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and ensure that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires, in a Center that provides transportation, that either the driver or another Staff person present on the vehicle have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #7 who drives one of the vehicles and is the only staff on the vehicle during transportation did not have current CPR and first aid training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will verify proof of CPR/1st aid training and schedule Staff so that there is always a staff person on the vehicle with this training. The center will have another staff with current CPR and first aid training on the vehicle during transportation.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

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 #5 who was hired in January 2021, did not complete the health and safety training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2021

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Annual training for the year 2020 was evaluated on February 18, 2021. Annual training for the year 2021 will be evaluated during the first visit in 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. The center will ensure all required staff completes 10 hours of training by December 31, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.33(6) requires that evidence of orientation and training shall be documented in the Personnel file of each Staff member and shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that staff #7 did not have documentation of health and safety orientation training available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff could not locate the training certificate. The staff is taking the training again and will ensure documentation is on file. The Center will develop and implement procedures to review staff records for documentation of training and orientation, to obtain and place missing documentation in staff records, and to file such documents in staff records on an ongoing basis.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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.