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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/31/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:50 AM

Departure: 9:00 AM

CCLC-28747

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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.
08/31/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/22/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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.

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	PreK back		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	Pre-K front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	21	C	30	C	Breakfast,TV,Transitioning
Main	RM 1:1st Left	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	RM 2: 2nd Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	RM 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	RM 4: Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Room 6		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD 1-Right	97	C
Main	PGD 2-Middle	30	C
Main	PGD 3-Left	133	C

Comments

An in person visit was conducted on August 31, 2022 A copy of this report was emailed to the center on September 7, 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)

Andrew Lipski, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that five of the six classrooms did not have current lesson plans available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2022

Recited on 8/31/2022

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Corrected on 8/31/2022

.08(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed arrival and departure sheets by door. The children were observed to be signed in upon arrival as required.

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) **Met**

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed with staff about tighten the screws under the handle bars of the seesaws.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute when weather permits.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Corrected on 8/31/2022

.26(6) - The center has removed or repaired the previously cited items.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

Discussed with staff to ensure all trash cans that have food or waste are covered with lids. Rule 591-1-1-.17(6) - requires garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers,

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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

Comment

The vehicle was clean and had proper restraints. The consultant observed the staff complete the required checks of the vehicle after returning from transporting children to school this morning.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The cribs and mats were observed to be in good condition.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2010	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2010	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2010	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2009	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/03/2005	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.