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Date: 4/24/2023 VisitType: Complaint Closure

CCLC-32822

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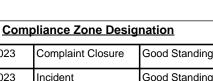
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Complaint





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 - Pr

Deficient

- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

rules.

 Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules

Comments

04/24/2023

03/08/2023

02/22/2023

Investigative findings were not concluded on this date.

Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

Good Standing

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



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

on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia B	ureau of Investigati	gia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licer on's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of 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 fo	ollowing:
3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you ar documentation	ion Reports and se re refuting, add the	or your program elect 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.	upload supporting
Your refutation will be forwarded to the approprithis process, contact our office at 404-657-5562		who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you h	nave any questions about
have this liability insurance, you are required to guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain the program at all times while the child attends the purpose of the library and and understand the Rules and Regulary been discussed with me and I have agreed deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily	post a notice with 1 their signature to ac program and for 12 ulations for Child C d to a Plan of Improprevent DECAL fro	ders carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect for inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, recknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledge months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G. are Learning Centers, 591-1-1. I acknowledge that the incoverent (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand the total thing adverse action against this facility. I understand out or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care so	notify the parent or gment on file at the .A. Section 20-1A-4) tems noted in this report hat correction of these d that if I disagree with any
Chanita Irvin, Program Official	Date	Tomekia Sherman ,Special Investigations Unit Sr. Specialist	Date

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Policies and Procedures 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting Not Met Finding Associated with Complaint 591-1-1-.29(1) requires that within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day, the Director or designated person-in-charge shall report or cause to be reported any suspected incidents of child abuse, neglect or deprivation to the local County Division of Family and Children Services in accordance with state law and to the Department, notifying that such a report was made. It was determined on September 13, 2022, center staff locked a two-year-old child inside a closet, which was located in an empty classroom, for an undetermined amount of time. The child was discovered by another teacher and was observed to be crying. There were no injuries reported. This incident was not reported to the local County Division of Family and Children Services and DECAL as required. Correction Deadline: 6/7/2023 Safety

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591-1-111 Discipline(CR)	Not Met
Finding Associated with Complaint 591-1-111(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit other engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physically punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devidiscipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhous feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discip humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, or jump seat. It was determined on September 13, 2022, center staff locked a two-year-old child inside a which was located in an empty classroom, for an undetermined amount of time. The child was discovered another teacher and was observed to be crying. There were no injuries reported.	sical d which /; ices to old oline or walker a closet,
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