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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/9/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-903

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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.
03/09/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/28/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/12/2021	Licensing Study	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	Room A - First Left Room	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - Second Left	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	29	C	29	C	Centers
Main	Room C - Rear	GA PreK	2	19	C	29	C	29	C	Centers
Main	Room D - Third Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	32	C	Centers
Main	Room E - Second Right	Infants	2	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room F - First Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G - Middle Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	22	C	Centers,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up on a visit completed on September 28, 2021. The administrative review was due on March 16, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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)

 Lecretia Barfield, Program Official

 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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(5) - Consultant observed staff to offer a variety of activities.

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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**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed monitoring bathroom vents for dust with director.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Consultant discussed monitoring the facility for repairs with the director.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed redistributing resilient surface around the slide on the middle preschool playground to ensure that it will not create a pool of standing water.

Comment

Consultant discussed monitoring the playground for broken toys, ensuring that they are in good repair with the Director. Additionally, monitoring playground equipment for chipping paint, repainting surface as needed.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(12) - - Consultant discussed ensuring that the kitchen area is inaccessible to children with Director. The director stated that the owner was considering a half door for the kitchen.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Director stated that the center is currently not dispensing/administering medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant advised director to monitor vehicle seats and repair rips and tears as needed. Additionally, consultant discussed monitoring and cleaning vents on the bus for dust.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Consultant discussed monitoring cots for rips and tears with the director.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/01/2014	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 04/14/2008	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/07/2016	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/20/2013	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14 - Consultant discussed ensuring that documentation of CPR and First Aid training is on file for all staff with the director. Also that CPR and First aid is to be completed within the first 90 days of employment.

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(2) - Consultant discussed ensuring that documentation of initial center orientation is on file and available for inspection.

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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Consultant discussed ensuring that the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation to have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage with the director.

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2022

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.