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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/18/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-2636

Oma's Learning Center and Daycare

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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.
10/18/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/18/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
bld2-rm H	Pre-K/ school age	PreK	2	19	C	40	C	56	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Main	Room A -2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	30	C	42	C	Centers
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	3	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Total # Children this Date: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	67	C

Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on this date. All staff records were reviewed and all previous citations were followed up on.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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)

Kira Plumly, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All equipment and furniture were observed to be in good repair.

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

Met

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

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Sign-in and sign-out records were observed to be completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.25(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. A lock was observed on the door to the bathroom.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.15(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All bottles were observed to have formula/milk only in the bottles.

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)

Met

Comment

Staff stated 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 Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed to have complete emergency drills.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which 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 devices to discipline 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 withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined based on observation that a child in Classroom G was observed confined in a high chair as a form of discipline.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take immediate action to ensure the action/conduct has ceased; train/review appropriate child guidance techniques with center staff; and have a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions. The teacher removed the child from the high chair during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 28**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 10/12/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2002

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 09/14/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2022

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2022

Staff # 9

Met

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2017

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2022

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 10/17/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2019

Records Reviewed: 28**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2022	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2021	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2006	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 03/24/2022	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 27	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have satisfactory comprehensive record checks on file.

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2021

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.33(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - The consultant reviewed staff records and observed two of twenty-eight staff members not to have annual training for the 2021 calendar year. The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring all staff members receive ten hours of annual training each calendar year.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.