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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/23/2022 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 1:45 PM

Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-35667

Tender Years Learning Center #12

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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.
09/23/2022	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/02/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/28/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Support	

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	Left Ft- infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Lt Bk - 3+		0	0	C	18	C	24	C	
Main	Lt Center-Pre-K	PreK	2	12	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	Rt Bk - 3's	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	Rt ft - 1 yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	Rt mid- 2 yrs		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 110					
Total # Children this Date: 39					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 110					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	97	C
Main	Toddler Playground	178	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was a monitoring visit. All previous citations were evaluated during the visit. The center does provide transportation but does not dispense any medication. Transportation was observed during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/23/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Lylai Lee, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the T.V. and the shelf that the T.V. is on was not secured and were of a weight and mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability. The director stated that they would secure the T.V. and the shelf that it is on to prevent it from falling over.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2022

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that on the Large Playground the yellow and blue play structure had chipping paint and rust.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The director stated that they would sand and repaint the blue and yellow structure.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022**Recited on 9/23/2022****Correction Deadline: 7/27/2022****Corrected on 9/23/2022**

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed on the playground area.

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 Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that six of six cribs did not have a mattress that was waterproof and washable as required due to cracks and holes in the vinyl along the seams of the mattress. Additionally, four of six mattresses were not two inches thick and firm as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 9/23/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All crib sheets were observed to be tight fitting as required.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/03/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2020	
Staff # 10	Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 06/09/2019

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

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

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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.