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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 7/21/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 10:50 AM

**CCLC-39594**

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07/21/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/18/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/12/2020	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
Main	A	Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	NC	9	NC	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	B	Infants	1	2	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground A	19	C
Main	playground B	15	C

**Comments**

Virtual Monitoring Visit

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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Avita Huckaby, Program Official

Date

Cresia Jackson, Consultant

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**CCLC-1893**

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09/29/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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Main	A	Infants	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Bldg 2		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Bldg 2 Front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	20	C	Free Play
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	19	C	Outside
Main	E	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145					
Total # Children this Date: 67					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145					

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Main	A	0	C
Main	B	73	C

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This was a virtual Monitoring visit.

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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-.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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(1) requires the center to provide a specified minimum number of flush toilets and hand washing sinks with running water for the use of all children, at least one flush toilet for children being potty-trained and to not substitute nursery potty chairs for a required flush toilet. It was determined based on observation that the center did not provide the required number of flush toilets and and hand washing sinks for the use of the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will add the required number of flush toilets and/or sinks or decrease the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2021**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation the 1 bathroom being used for the children in the center was not clean and in sanitary condition for the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2021**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the center did not allow 35 square feet of usable space per child in classroom (A) that has a capacity of 9 children. It was observed that the center allowed 4 after school children to be housed in the class room bringing the capacity to a total of 13 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2021**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the Air conditioner cord, and the radio cord in classroom (D) was accessible to children in care while in use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2021**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 the swing set did not have the proper clamp for the swing to hang, the chains was observed to be tied. It was further observed that the step on the climbing swing gym was broken and not secured posing a hazard to children in care.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2021**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 9**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.



**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.