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Cover Sheet

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

Arrival: 10:55 AM

Departure: 5:15 PM

CCLC-39661

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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 Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2021	Licensing Study	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	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	9	NC	8	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E - Entry Room	One Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	6	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49					
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	48	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on October 18, 2022 with the Director Caekelia Sutton. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An on-site complaint/incident investigation was conducted on October 18, 2022. Investigative findings were not concluded on October 18, 2022.

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)

Caekelia Sutton, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, 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

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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 cared for nine children in a space that was licensed for eight in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Classroom B

- Air freshener plugged in to the wall accessible to children.

Classroom C

- Diaper wipes observed in a child's book bag.

Classroom E

- Staples observed in the wall next to the tree.
- Toilet brush cleaner observed on the floor in the restroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) Consultant discussed with the Director replacing the damaged ceiling tile in classroom A on the right side of the window next to the cabinet .

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022****Corrected on 10/18/2022****.26(4) -Citation observed corrected.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) Consultant discussed repairing the 2 1/2 inch gap at the left side of fence at the second entrance gate.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) Consultant discussed repairing the uneven red swing seat on the playground. The Consultant discussed repairing the unraveled tape on the blue/red merry-go-round.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2022

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 Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**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
Date of Hire: 06/02/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	
Staff # 9	Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2022

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected. Consultant observed all criminal records checks on file on this date.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.