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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:25 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-52419

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/14/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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 & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play, Nap	
Main	B-1's & 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	17	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	C-3's & 4's	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	17	C	23	C	Free Play, Transitioning	
Main	D-3's & 4's	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play, Transitioning	
Main	E-4's & Up	PreK	2	7	C	29	C	41	C	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100						
Total # Children this Date: 51			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100			Building @25 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infants, 1's & 2's	58	C
Main	Playground B- 3's & Up	69	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on December 9, 2022, with the Director Haneefa Leveridge. Background checks were all reviewed on September 9, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/09/2022

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/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)

Haneefa Leveridge, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Consultant

Date



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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-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Finding

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 there was two hanging cords from the television and laptop in classroom C. It was further determined that there was a plastic grocery bag on the shelf on the right side in classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that there was a damaged ceiling tile in the restroom that connects to classrooms B, C, and D.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate was observed detached from the fence on the right side.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2022

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2022

Corrected on 12/9/2022

.26(8) - Citation corrected. Adequate resilient surface observed under the fall zones.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

- Exposed tarp on the right side of the green slide.
- Torn green tarp at the bottom of the playground door exit ramp.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2022

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with Director updating the child's doctors information on the vehicle emergency medical form.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director storing cots to prevent children's access to them.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/03/2014

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2009

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2013

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2022

Staff # 6

Met

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2022

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

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2022

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.

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

Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(13) prohibits Center Staff from committing any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center and requires Center staff to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle registration attached to the bus #RTD9511 was date December 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all Staff comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a ratio of 1:17 was observed in classroom B when the required ratio would be 2:17 in that there were five two-year-old children and twelve three-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.