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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/12/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 10:00 AM

CCLC-47363

The Children's Center at Mulberry

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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.
04/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/01/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/12/2021	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	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E	One Year Olds	3	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 64

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infant-2	12	C
Main	Playground B 3-5 year olds	14	C

Comments

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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)

Tshanghi Corey, Program Official

Date

Yolanda Marable, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on consultants observation in classroom F the wooden shelf was not turned around allowing accessibility to children. Consultant discussed adding variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials to room F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The program has the following playground capacity for playground A capacity is 12 and playground B capacity is 14.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 consultant's observation the following hazards were observed accessible to children.

Room A - The closet door unlocked and opened accessible to children.

Room B- The broom and dust pan near the bathroom accessible to children.

Room E- A bottle of Johnson & Johnson Shampoo on the bathroom sink accessible to children.

Room F - The chairs were stacked towards the back of the room.

Room F- The wooden cabinet towards the back of the room was unlock with hazard items accessible to children.

Room F- Sunscreen and cell phone was observed in a students personal bag accessible to children.

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: 4/12/2022

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

591-1-1-.26(1)(a) requires that a Center with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children have ready access to an outdoor play area minimally one hundred square feet times one-third of the licensed capacity. It was determined based on consultants observation both playground A and B were over capacity.

Playground A: Three staff members and 13 children were present. Playground A capacity is 12.

Playground B : Two staff members and 17 children were present. Playground B capacity is 14.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will implement a plan to add outdoor play space or limit the center's licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Covering the cots in room F when not in use was discussed with the director on this date.

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 consultants observation one of the infant crib mattress was ripped and exposing the cushion.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on consultants observation a infant child was sleeping in an car seat while the center staff attended to another child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/20/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2007	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/09/2019	

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/14/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2013	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/09/2011	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2012	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2008	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 11/06/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 05/04/2010	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2008	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2022	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.