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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/16/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-51414

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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.
08/16/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/23/2021	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-2R-2's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-1R-1's & 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-1L-Infants & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	10	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	D-2L-3's & Up		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	Not In Use
Main	E-Gym-1L-4's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	23	C	Transitioning
Main	F-Gym-2L-4's & Up		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	Not In Use
Main	G-Gym-1R-4's & Up		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88					
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	19	C
Main	School Age	30	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

August 16, 2022- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit on June 17, 2022.

The follow up report was discussed with the provider and a copy was left at the center.

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)

Damicka Wilson, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust in the bathroom between rooms A and B was not working as it was not pulling the air in.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Recited on 8/16/2022

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 8/16/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Classroom B was not in use and Classroom E gym housed 15 children with a License Capacity of 16.

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 following areas of fencing on the playground were in need of repair:

- the gates for both playgrounds were unable to latch securely
- there was a gap of more than three inches at the top of the fencing on the right playground
- the fencing at the left side measured three feet nine inches, when four feet is required
- there was one detached pole on the fencing on the top left playground
- the fencing was observed to be pulled back from both A/C units creating a gap measuring more than two feet

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Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Recited on 8/16/2022

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 following areas of equipment were in need of repaint or repair:

- the equipment on the right playground was observed to have chipping paint in several places, the orange slide was observed to have a crack in the plastic

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Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Recited on 8/16/2022

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 playgrounds:

- the A/C units' fencing was pulled back, allowing them to be accessible to children

Recited on 8/16/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 8/16/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The plastic had been removed from the bedding in the infant classroom.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that on August 16, 2022, there was one staff member in the infant classroom and there were ten children. There were two infants and eight one-year-old children.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 8/16/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There was one staff member observed in the infant classroom

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 8/16/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There were staff members in all classrooms in the center.