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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/13/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 11:15 AM

CCLC-10983

Noah's Ark Child Care & Learning Center

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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.
07/13/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/02/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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/0-12 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Diapering
Main	B/ 3years		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/ 1 year	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story, Centers
Main	D/ 2 year		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E/ 3 years	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F/ 4 year	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G/ 6-8 year		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/ 8-12 year	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 67			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	10	C
Main	B	2	C
Main	C	32	C
Main	D	46	C

Comments

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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@decal.ga.gov 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)

Casharia Walker, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that Room H Green Room) did not have current lesson plans.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

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

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

**Corrected on 7/13/2022
.12(1) - Citation corrected.**

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that cots in Room E were stored up right posing a falling hazard to children in care.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers	
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .08(1)(a)-Special Care Procedures	

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that records are fully filled out as on record was missing the fathers information and one record was missing if the child had any special condition or on any medications.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that a piece of wood on the platform outside of Room C and Room D leading to the playground was not flush and posed a tripping hazard. In addition, a bolt on the restroom toilet in Room F needed to be cut flush.

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Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

Room C (blue room):
broom, dust pan and floor cleaner in the corner near the restroom

Room H (Green Room)
in the staff desk push pin, thumb tacks and batteries were in a clean storage bin
rubber gloves on a shelf near the entrance door
broom, dust pan and floor cleaner by the entrance door

Room E:
-broom and floor cleaner in the restroom
rubber gloves on the shelf next to the restroom

Room F (Red Room)
broom, dust pan and floor cleaner by the entrance door
batteries in a drawer of the sink cabinet where the child proof lock was not in working order

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed picking up pine cones and cleaning of toys.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

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 swing chains and hooks on the right playground had exploded rust. It was further determined the yellow and green tractor on the left playground was observed to be chipping paint.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that the green helicopter on the 1st left playground was not anchored to the ground.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2022

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that one infant feeding plan was missing the child's date of birth, one plan was missing the amount of food the child was to be given, and plans were missing updates on the amounts of foods and solid foods to provide.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that eggs and a meat item in the freezer was not in the original container and not labeled.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Health and Hygiene

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifier or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that four infants engaging in floor play within the infant class were wearing bibs around their necks.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a child entered Room C for the morning and were not required to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted onthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not conduct fire drills for the months of March, April or May 2022. It was further determined that a tornado or lock down drill had no been conducted for the 2022 year.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that no items should be attached to the crib as a bib was observed to be attached in the Infant Classroom to a crib that did not have a sleeping infant.

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Correction Deadline: 7/23/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that in Room E cots were stored with sheets on and the feet of the cots were touching the clean sheet.

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Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 04/11/2022 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/11/2002	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/09/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/18/2015	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 06/14/2014 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.	Not Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/11/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/12/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/09/2021	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Date of Hire: 05/18/2022

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

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 06/23/2016

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2021

Staff # 16

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 17

Met

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2022

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff member that has been working at the center for over 90 days did not have their health and safety orientation.

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Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Recited on 7/13/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the center director and cook had two of four required food service and nutrition training.

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Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Recited on 7/13/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records the center has two of five lead teachers.

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Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Recited on 7/13/2022

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.