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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/26/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:45 PM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-18605

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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.
04/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	G		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	H		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	11	C
Main	Playground B	74	C

Comments

This is the second regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

The center currently has a one-star rating from quality rated.

Per the Director, the center does not currently dispense medication, provide field trips, or swimming activities.

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)

Matasha Berry, Program Official

Date

Chrissy Miller, 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)

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(6) - Discussed replacing one out of four wooden boards on the base of the airplane equipment in the middle of the playground and the covering on the swingset chains to prevent the equipment from being a hazard to the children in care. The consultant did not observe any children on the playground during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

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 pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on the consultant's observation, that three out of six infants were wearing pacifiers attached to their clothing in the infant classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed that the surface of the diaper changing area shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions and dried with a single-use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Discussed with the staff regarding the correct handwashing procedures for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and the staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.29(5) requires the administrator of a Center to submit the administrative report when the Department requests a review of the program's administrative documents. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the center's administrative documents were not submitted through the program's account under the Decal Koala system as required by the department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will complete and submit the report as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2022

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

Met

Comment

Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the and the staff on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Please ensure that the information on the paperwork pertaining to the center's transportation (i.e. transportation logs, forms) is clear and legible when submitted to the department.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(6) - Please ensure that written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center is obtained and maintained on file for each Child that is transported. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) - Please ensure that the transportation logs used for Home and School transportation includes each child's pick-up location, delivery location, the Center's name, telephone number, vehicle identification number, and the name of the driver and staff on the vehicle as indicated on the transportation form.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on the staff's statement, that the infants are placed on their stomachs, inside of the cribs, during resting periods. Additionally, a safe sleep environment was not provided when an infant child was observed sleeping on their stomachs instead of on their back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 01/01/1997

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2015

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2021

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2021

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2021

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/1997

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2022

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

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2022

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

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2022

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

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2016

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2022

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**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)**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.