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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/22/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-51695

Little Blessyn's Childcare 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. 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.
10/22/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/11/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/02/2020	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	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department					
Total # Children this Date: 10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	24	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 21, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 22, 2021 with the Owner. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/22/2021

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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Selena Heyward, Program Official

Date

Chrissy Miller, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center during the virtual inspection.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that four out of five records were missing the addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released and one out of five records was missing the physician's information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2021**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1)(b)

- Please use the template provided to update the center's written parental authorization document for each enrolled child.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2021**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**

The center appeared clean and well maintained during the virtual inspection. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was completed due to COVID-19. The grass on the playground appeared to be well maintained. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met**

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

The staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures during the virtual inspection. The consultant also observed hand washing supplies at the sinks.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Please use the template provided to ensure that the written emergency plans for the Center is comprehensive and includes a plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions and shall include assurance that no Center Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2021

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the staff on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2021

Corrected on 10/22/2021

.36(3)(a-b) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The staff had evidence of obtaining two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(6) - Please use the template provided to update the parental authorizations for transportation. 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: 10/30/2021

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the staff on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 5/11/2021****Corrected on 10/22/2021**

.09(1)(a) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The current staff had valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2021**Corrected on 10/22/2021**

.09(1)(c) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The current staff had valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file as required.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires, in a Center that provides transportation, that either the driver or another Staff person present on the vehicle have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the staff on the vehicle did not have valid evidence of first aid when children were transported during the week of September 20, 2021 to September 24, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will verify proof of CPR/1st aid training and schedule Staff so that there is always a staff person on the vehicle with this training.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2021

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/4/2021****Corrected on 10/22/2021****.33(4) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The Director had evidence of at least four clock hours in food and nutrition service training.**

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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.