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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/2/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 6:50 AM **Departure:** 7:30 AM

CCLC-48494

Small Wonders Early Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/02/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/06/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/07/2021	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 - 1R	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Homework
Main	B - 2R	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	NC	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap
Main	C - 3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - 3L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E - 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - 1L		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 14					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - Left Side	21	C
Main	Playground - Right Side	21	C

Comments

A complaint/incident investigation was conducted on March 2, 2022. An in-person visit was conducted. Investigative findings were concluded on March 9, 2022. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on March 9, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/02/2022

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)

FERRIS HILLMAN, Program Official

Date

Rebekah Mullinax, Consultant

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Findings Report

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

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2021

Corrected on 3/2/2022

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the required ten hours of annual training for 2021 for Staff #1, Staff #3, Staff #5 and Staff #7. One staff member is no longer employed on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that two infants, one one-year-old, two two-year-old and two three-year-old children were present with two staff members on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022