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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/4/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 9:40 AM

CCLC-16270

Cotton's Learning Center of Serenity

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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.
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	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				
First Level	Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,TV,Floor Play				
First Level	Middle Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA					
First Level	Middle Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA					
First Level	Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0					
Second Level	School Age		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0					
Total # Children this Date: 11			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
First Level	Playground A	8	C
First Level	Playground B	100	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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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)

Donna Cotton, Program Official

Date

Kaycee Purvis, Consultant

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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) **Not Met**

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 upon observation that a pack of Huggies Simply Clean baby wipes and a plastic grocery bag was accessible to children in a child's book bag in the Left Classroom on this date. It was further determined that a broom and dust pan were observed accessible to children in the bathroom in the Left Classroom on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Recited on 8/4/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Director discussed the removal of hazards on the playground prior to children coming outside to play.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.36(7)(c)3. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Corrected on 8/4/2022

.36(7)(d)1. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

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.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation during an administrative review.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/31/2005	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2012	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2008	

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-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022****Corrected on 8/4/2022**

.33(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage during an administrative review.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation deferred. Due date not approached yet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based upon observation that there were three two-year-old children housed in the Left Classroom with five three-year-old children and three four-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.