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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/12/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-49612

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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.
05/12/2022	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
04/05/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/18/2022	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	
Building 2	F		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						
Main	A	Infants	1	8	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap	
Main	B	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	E	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	9	NC	NA	NA	Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			54		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0				
Total # Children this Date:			50		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			76			
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0								

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground C	72	C
Main	Playground B	3	C
Main	Playground A	55	C

Comments

An electronic copy of the POI follow up visit report was emailed to the provider. An exit conference was conducted virtually.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/12/2022

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/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)

Jacqueline Habersham, Program Official

Date

Kaycee Purvis, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based upon observation that Classroom E housed eleven two-year-old children when Classroom E is licensed for nine children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

Classroom B:

- Two plastic grocery bags in a child's cubby.
- A pack of Parents Choice Gentle Clean Wipes in a cubby.

Classroom C:

- A staff bag on a shelf.
- A box of Basic Vynal Exam gloves on a shelf.
- A bottle of Rinse Free Hand Sanitizer on a shelf.
- A tube of Hydrocortisone Ointment USP 2.5% on a shelf.
- A plastic grocery bag in a cubby.
- A pack of Huggies Natural Care wipes in a cubby.
- A pack of Huggies Simply Clean wipes in a cubby.
- A pack of Comforts Scented Baby wipes in a cubby.
- A pack of Parents Choice Fragrance Free wipes in a cubby.
- A bottle of Dermasil Labs Aloe Fresh Moisturizing Body Lotion in in a cubby.

Classroom E:

- A pack of Parents Choice Wipes in a cubby.

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: 5/6/2022

Recited on 5/12/2022

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 upon observation that two children in Classroom A had paci straps attached to their clothings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based upon observation that a tube of Triamcinolone Acetonide Cream USP 0.1% was accessible to children on a shelf in Classroom C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based upon a review of documents that Center staff failed to document in writing to account for one child on the afternoon route from Hornsby Elementary to the Center on May 6, 2022. It was also determined that center staff failed to document in writing to account for one child on the afternoon route from CT Walker Elementary to the Center on May 4, 2022 and May 6, 2022. It was further determined that center staff failed to document in writing to account for three children on the afternoon route from Jenkins White Elementary to the Center on May 6, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**Recited on 5/12/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based upon a review of records that center staff failed to document in writing the return time on the afternoon route from Hornsby Elementary to the Center on May 3, 2022. It was also determined that center staff failed to document in writing the return time on the afternoon route from CT Walker Elementary to the Center on May 3, 2022. It was further determined that center staff failed to document in writing the load and unload times on the afternoon route from Lankford Middle to the Center on May 2, 2022 and May 3, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**Recited on 5/12/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based upon a review of records that center staff failed to conduct the first check on the afternoon route from Lankford Middle School to the Center on May 2, 2022 and May 3, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**Recited on 5/12/2022**

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based upon a review of records that center staff failed to conduct the second check on the afternoon route from Jenkins White Elementary to the Center on May 4, 2022. It was also determined that center staff failed to conduct the second check on the afternoon route from Lankford Middle School to the Center on May 2, 2022 and May 4, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2022

Recited on 5/12/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The Consultant and Director discussed placing children head to toe during naptime.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based upon observation that Classroom A had a ratio of 1:8 when a ratio of 2:8 was required. It was also determined that Classroom E had a ratio of 1:11 when a ratio of 2:11 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2022

Corrected on 5/12/2022

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.