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Cover Sheet

Date: 2/22/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

CCLC-46309

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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.
02/22/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/17/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	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	
Main	Left Front	GA PreK	2	19	C	19	C	26	C	Centers	
Main	Left Rear	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	Middle Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Middle Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Right Front A (Nursery 2)	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play	
Main	Right Front B (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	35	C	Outside	
Main	Right Rear	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	23	C	34	C	NA	NA	Story	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166						
Total # Children this Date: 99			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	28	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	59	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	144	C

Comments

On this date, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Licensing Study. Consultant requested the provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process. An Administrative Review was conducted on March 24, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of licensing study/monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on March 27, 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 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.dec.state.ga.us/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)

Tina Westbrook, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure all classrooms had lesson plans available for review.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined, based on observation, that the blue couches in Rooms Middle Left and Right Front B and the brown couch in Room Left Front were observed to have tears with foam exposed on this date. It was further determined that the doll house in Room Right Rear was observed to have cracked sides.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure chairs were not stacked in classrooms when children were present and active, as stacked chairs were observed in Room Right Front B on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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 on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed:

- Left Front Classroom – Hand sanitizer and Members Mark wipes were observed labeled “Keep out of reach of children” and observed accessible to children on this date.
- Middle Right Classroom – An unsecured cabinet was observed to contain plastic bags with extra diapers and/or pull-ups on this date.
- Right Rear Classroom – An unsecured cabinet under the handwashing sink was observed to contain plastic bags.
- Right Front B Classroom – An unsecured cabinet under the handwashing sink was observed to contain Bleach, Lysol cleaner, antibacterial wipes, and air freshener spray. A teacher’s purse and plastic bags were observed accessible to children in children’s cubbies on this date. Staplers, scotch tape dispensers, and a plastic bag containing packing tape with dispenser were observed accessible to children. A mop and bucket were observed accessible to children in the bathroom 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: 2/23/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined, based on observation, that there were three swings per bay on the Right Playground on this date, when it was required for no more than two swings per bay be present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that a water hose was observed uncoiled and accessible to children on the Right Playground on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that nine of seventeen infant feeding plans reviewed were lacking required information, as the updated infant feeding plan form was not used.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

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)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined, based on review of records, that there was no documentation that fire drills were conducted in February 2021, April 2021, June 2021, July 2021, and August 2021, when it was required for fire drills be conducted monthly.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/28/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/1987	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/1993	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2021	
Staff # 11	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 12	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
Staff # 15	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	

Records Reviewed: 25**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

.14(2)-CPR missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/1989	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/1989	
Staff # 20	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 12/29/2015	
Staff # 23	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2021	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/1989	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 15

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staff #12 was lacking first aid and CPR training within 90 days of employment on this date. It was further determined that Staff #15 was lacking the hands-on component of CPR training, as they completed online only First Aid and CPR training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staffs# 11, 15, 20, and 23 were lacking completing the Health and Safety Orientation training within 90 days of hire, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

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)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.