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Cover Sheet

Date: 8/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:55 AM

CCLC-50203

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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.
08/08/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/21/2021	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
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E	GA PreK	2	20	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	G		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 77

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	155	C
Main	Small Playground	22	C

Comments

On this date, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Incident Investigation and Monitoring Visit. Consultant requested the provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process. An Administrative Review was conducted on August 16, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed exit conference virtually and a copy of the licensing study/monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on August 17, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/08/2022

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)

Erica Boone, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure lesson plans were current and available for review, as two classrooms were lacking current lesson plans on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2022

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(8) requires toys for children under three years of age to be age-appropriate; non-toxic and lead-free; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily. It was determined, based on observation, that the vinyl cube blocks in Room C, occupied by two-year-old children, were observed to have small tears with foam exposed on the corners, which prevented the vinyl cube blocks from being easily cleaned and disinfected on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will provide age-appropriate toys and remove any toys that are not age-appropriate in each room housing children under three years of age. The Center will implement a plan to train Staff to regularly examine toys for the listed hazards and remove toys when hazards are identified and to clean toys with a disinfectant daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2022

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

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
Child # 9	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that nine of nine children's files reviewed contained all required information on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the bolts on the bottom of the toilets connecting the toilets to the floor in all bathrooms were cut and/or covered with a protective cap on this date, as the bolts were a potential hazard.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2022

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 plastic bags were observed accessible to children in Room C in a plastic tub with diapers on the floor and in Room G in children's cubbies.

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: 8/9/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined, based on observation, that vines were observed to be growing through and down the fences surrounding the Small and Large Playgrounds on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined, based on observation, that the following were observed to not be kept clean, not free of debris, and not in good repair on this date:

- Front Hall Bathroom – The ventilation fan was observed to have a thick layer of dust. The air vent on the ceiling was observed to have mold on the cover, according to staff statement and observation.
- Back Hall Boys’ Bathroom – The ventilation fan was observed to have a thick layer of dust.
- Back Hall Girls’ Bathroom – The ventilation fan was observed to have a thick layer of dust. The air vent on the ceiling was observed to have mold on the cover, according to staff statement and observation. A baseboard was observed to be loose and detached from the wall to the left of the handwashing sink.
- Chipped paint was observed present on doors throughout the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

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

Not Met

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 an active ant bed was observed present on the Large 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: 8/12/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the diaper changing surfaces were observed to be smooth and nonporous on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.21(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center had documentation for conducting fire drills monthly and lockdown and tornado drills every six months, as required on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center was lacking a current annual safety check for the vehicle with tag number BU33403, as the most recent annual vehicle safety check was dated July 9, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022

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 on review of records, that the Center failed to document in writing children's loading and unloading of the vehicle during morning routine transportation from the Center to Warren Road Elementary during the week of August 1, 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: 8/18/2022

Recited on 8/8/2022

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2022

Corrected on 8/8/2022

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center documented the times of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the center, was loaded or unloaded at each school, and when the vehicle returned to the Center on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/25/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 11/06/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/26/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/08/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/02/2022	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/20/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 10/05/2020	Met
Staff # 14	Met

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2021

Staff # 17 MetDate of Hire: 05/31/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hireStaff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) requires the Center to ensure there is a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Center was lacking a lead caregiver for each group of children, as the Center identified four lead caregivers but had six rooms operating on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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