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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-50823

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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.
12/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/14/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/16/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E	PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	I	PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	J	PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 146					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	21	C
Main	B	50	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/09/2022

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)

Holly Mullins, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

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

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 brown and blue vinyl chairs in Room F were observed to have tears in the corners with foam exposed on this date, which prevented the vinyl chairs from being kept clean on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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 on observation, that a staff purse was observed accessible to children on a low shelf and a black trash bag was observed accessible to children near Home Living in Room H on this date. It was further determined that the bathroom in Room G had a toilet brush accessible to children 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: 12/9/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the ventilation/exhaust fans in the bathrooms and above the diaper changing areas were free of dust on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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 the gazebo and attached deck on the School Age Playground were observed to have rails spaced between four and nine inches on this date which posed as an entrapment hazard on this date.

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: 12/19/2022

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022

Corrected on 12/9/2022

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Center was observed to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and in the fall zones that was adequately maintained to assure continuing resiliency on this date.

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 active ant beds were observed present on the School Age playground on this date. It was further determined that two water hoses were observed accessible to children on the School Age 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: 12/16/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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: 47****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2021	
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 47**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 07/29/2022

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 11/21/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2021

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 12/20/2021

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2021

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2021

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2022

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2022

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2022

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2021

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2019

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2016

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 11/22/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 35 Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2021

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2021

Staff # 37 Met

Records Reviewed: 47**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 11/15/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 38

Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

Staff # 39

Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2020

Staff # 40

Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 41

Met

Date of Hire: 11/21/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 42

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 43

Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2022

Staff # 44

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Staff # 45

Met

Date of Hire: 11/21/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 46

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2019

Staff # 47

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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-.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 Staff #26, hired August 29, 2022, was lacking evidence of completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training within 90 days of employment on this date.

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: 12/30/2022

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.