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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:45 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-51954

Little Angels Academy 1

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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.
09/14/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/14/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/08/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Room A	Infants	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	TV,Free Play
Main	Room D		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,TV
Main	Room F		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	188	C
Main	Playground B	25	C

Comments

Revised time. LS

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/03/2022

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)

Rita Addo-Minta, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

Date

Nadia Bernard, Consultant

Date



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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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(6) requires Center Staff to ensure children less than three years of age do not spend more than one-half hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake. It was determined based on observation and staff statement that infant were allowed to stay in bouncy seats until they were tired then they would be placed in the crib. Consultant observed children to remain in high chairs and bouncy seats for more than thirty minutes.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation in classroom A children were not strapped in high chairs and bouncy seats with the safety straps as required.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B an empty toy shelf fell on a child as they were pulling on it. Further, there were two more empty shelves not secured in the classroom.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to add more of a variety of toys to classroom A, B and E.

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Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Met**

Comment

Program is open 24 hours but has not enrolled any children in overnight care.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to monitor flooring in classroom A to ensure it is smooth.

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Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

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 on observation that the following hazards were present: Classroom B- Wipes were in cubbies on low shelf and blue paper changing paper in a plastic bag were in the floor beside the diaper changing table.

Classroom C- Wipes, "Vaseline" petroleum jelly, "Johnson's baby oil and baby lotion were in cubbies.

Classroom E- Wipes

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please monitor the classrooms and halls for peeling paint.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

Back playground

There was a lock loosely wrapped around the gate posing a strangulation hazard at the rear of the play area.. There was a gap between the two gates measuring 12 inches allowing a child to slip through.

Side playground

On the front metal fencing there was a gap at the bottom measuring 5 inches x 2 feet posing an entrapment hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 9/19/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurements that under the red wooden climbing structure there was 3 inches of resilient surfacing when 6 inches were requires as the structure was over 5 feet in height.

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Correction Deadline: 9/24/2022

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 the following hazards were present:

Back playground

Exposed tree roots were present throughout posing a tripping hazard

Pinecones and sticks were present throughout

One active ant bed was located on the left side middle area

Side playground

Exposed tree roots were present throughout posing a tripping hazard

The red wooden structure with the steering wheel had a sharp yellow covering that was broken with sharp edges.

The blue plastic rocking dog had one handle missing with sharp edges.

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Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure pacifier straps are removed from clothing upon children's arrival.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that classrooms A, B and E had diaper changing pads that had designs and were not smooth.

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Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that no children were observed to wash their hands upon arrival after entering the classrooms (A, B, C, E).

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20(1) - Consultant discussed with the director the proper way to complete medication forms.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please continue to check the interior of vehicles to ensure they are clean and trash is removed daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure emergency medical forms are completed and are in the vehicles.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)1 - Please monitor cribs and remove any with sides not completely attached.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation and staff statement that infants were placed on their stomach or side to sleep in cribs.

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Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1		Met
Staff # 2		Met
Date of Hire: 11/15/2019		
Staff # 3		Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
Staff # 4		Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2020		
Staff # 5		Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
Staff # 6		Met
Date of Hire: 07/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
Staff # 7		Met

Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/08/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2022	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 09/08/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2022	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 21	Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/05/2022

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

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2022

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

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2022

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

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2022

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

Staff # 25

Met

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2022

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 7 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - Please continue to monitor the classrooms throughout the day to ensure ratios are correct. Be mindful in the early mornings to schedule enough staff so ratios are maintained.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed active supervision with the director.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022