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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/9/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:35 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-35601

Childcare Network #219

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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	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/20/2021	Complaint 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
Building 2	Left side		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Right Side A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Building 2	Right Side B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	1st Right A		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Right B	Infants	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Diapering
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap,Transitioning
Main	Back	PreK	4	32	C	74	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 89			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Infant	22	C
Main	PG School	72	C
Main	PG-Preschool	65	C

Comments

December 9, 2022--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

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/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.'



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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-.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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that two out of five children's files did not have the address listed for the person(s) to whom the child may be released to as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there was feces on the toilet seat in the bathroom on the right-hand side of the second left classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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 there were stained ceiling tiles in the two-year-old classroom.

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. The center had a receipt for roof repairs that were made on February 10, 2022. The maintenance manager stated the ceiling tiles were recently replaced.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 there was a four-inch gap of the gate to the swimming pool and an entrapment hazard was posed. Further, the brick wall that served as the fence on the Early Headstart playground measured three feet and three- and one-half inches and there were openings in the wall that children could use to climb.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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 these hazards were present on the preschool playground: exposed concrete at the bottom of the back fence that faced the homes behind the center, hole in the center of the grassy area that measured 12 inches by nine inches, Further, these hazards were present on the Early Headstart playground: hole at the front of the playground underneath the brick wall that measured nine inches by seven inches, exposed rubber mat that posed a tripping hazard that led from the first classroom on the left

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: 12/9/2022

Food Service

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

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that staff washed their hands prior to the changing table being cleaned and they did not return to wash their hands afterwards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2021

Corrected on 12/9/2022

Staff stated they were aware of Required Reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed as children transitioned to nap time. .

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the correct forms were used for transportation during field trips. The Consultant also discussed keeping the parent permission slips with the field trip documentation.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2021

Corrected on 12/9/2022

The current annual vehicle inspection invoices were observed on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the invoices were attached to an Annual Vehicle Inspection form and signed by the mechanic.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that the child passenger harnesses that were present on bus 0516 were too tight for children to place them on their shoulders and were not used according to manufacturer's directions.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts. The Consultant discussed with the Director that the harnesses should be loosened to allow children to buckle as required and that the driver should check to make sure children are buckled properly before they left the destination.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2022

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2022

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/17/2017

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2021

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2022

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

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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 Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2021

Corrected on 12/9/2022

Staff training was observed during a review of records.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date. The visit was conducted during nap time.