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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/21/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:50 AM

Departure: 12:20 PM

CCLC-30343

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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. 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.
10/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/08/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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 1L GA Pre K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	B 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C 1R GA Pre K	PreK	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	D 2R GA Pre K	PreK	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 77			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	144	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on March 3, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/21/2022

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)

Djuana Ferguson, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, 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.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 green, adult chair in classroom C1R had a cracked seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2022

Corrected on 10/21/2022

.25(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed missing pieces of flooring to have been replaced.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that standing water is removed from the playground after rainfall.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to monitor the chain link for unraveling or protruding wires.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

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**

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Transportation checklists were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the emergency medical information record for each child includes a allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, and the name and telephone number of the child's doctor.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Center does not care for infants.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/20/2022	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2007	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/2011	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2022	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/24/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2018	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2010	

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2022	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2016	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2010	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2022	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit March 3, 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.