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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/3/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 5:20 PM

CCLC-39819

Pre-K Preparatory Learning Academy

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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.
11/03/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/03/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/09/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Classroom A - 1R	One Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Clean Up
Main	Classroom B - 2R	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Classroom C - 3R	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Classroom D - 4R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E - Left side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	24	C
Main	Preschool/ School age	176	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct follow up from the previous visit conducted on August 3, 2022, and to conduct a complaint investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/03/2022

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/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)

Arbendette Van, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with director to monitor vinyl cushions and pads for wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

Per the director, program is not currently providing evening care hours. This rule was not evaluated at this time.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all electrical outlets are covered.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 gap measuring approximately six inches under the double gate on the preschool/School age playground, creating a potential entrapment hazard. Further, the double gate to the parking area was not locked or latched.

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: 11/3/2022

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 that the fall zone around the red climber measured approximately two feet on one side where the ground drops off.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2022

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 there was wire fencing, a ladder, a basket containing sunscreen, hydrogen peroxide, and insect repellent assessible to children on the preschool/school age playground.

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: 11/3/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that center staff administered "Tylenol" on September 21, 2022, September 22, 2022, and September 23, 2022, without written parental authorization. It was further determined that the authorization form for cough syrup did not specify the name of the medication or the date it was to be administered, the authorization for "Motrin" that was administered on September 20, 2022, and September 23, 2022, did not specify a time for the medication to be administered, and the authorization for "polymyxin B-TMP" did not contain the prescription number, the times it was to be administered, and the dates it was to be administered.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on review of records that "Tylenol" was to be administered on September 23, 2022, and September 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and the staff member indicated that the medication was administered on August 23, 2022, at 12:20 p.m. The medication record does not indicate why the medication was administered at that time. Center staff also did not document why the medication was not administered on September 26, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - Please be mindful of voice tone and volume in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Center currently does not have any infants enrolled.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2022

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2022

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2022

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

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2022

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit August 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 11/3/2022

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center staff to engage in appropriate behavior with the children.

Safety

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 11/3/2022

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed staff to use verbal redirection throughout the center.