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Cover Sheet

Date: 9/13/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 7:20 PM

CCLC-56794

Children's Courtyard #3253

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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.
09/13/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/12/2022	Initial Licensing Study	N/A	

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	1L-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	4	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	1R-Four to Five year old	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2L-One Year Old	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R-Three Year Old	Three Year Olds	3	17	C	46	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L-Older One Year Old	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3R Private-Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	31	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	4L-Two Year Old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5L-Pre-K	PreK	2	16	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle-Pre-K	PreK	2	16	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 124			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	34	C
Main	B	80	C
Main	C	199	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on May12, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2022

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.al.ga.gov 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)

Michele Reymond, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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 the gate between playground A and B contained a protruding wire and a gap measuring approximately four and a half inches. Further, the back gate between playgrounds A and B contained a gap measuring approximately six inches. Gaps should be less than three and a half inches or greater than nine inches to prevent an entrapment hazard.

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: 9/13/2022

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant did not observe chipping or peeling paint on the climbing equipment. The center will monitor the playground equipment to ensure it does not contain any safety hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2022

Corrected on 9/13/2022

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed uniform resilient surface under and around the climbing and swinging equipment.

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 playgrounds B and C had exposed roots along the back fence. Further, the area surrounding the red pole near the gate on playground C contained a hole with exposed concrete creating a potential tripping hazard.

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: 9/19/2022

Recited on 9/13/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 30 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/13/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2021	

Staff # 11	Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2018	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 03/13/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2022	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2016	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2022	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2018	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2012	

Records Reviewed: 30**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 06/29/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 05/05/2017	
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2015	

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 fourteen files for employees hired since last visit May 12, 2022.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff # 6, date of hire June 6, 2022, and staff #11, date of hire May 16, 2022, did not have evidence of current certification in first aid/CPR.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

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 #6, date of hire June 6, 2022, and staff #11, date of hire May 16, 2022, did not have evidence of completed health and safety orientation training.

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: 10/13/2022