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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/22/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:40 AM

Departure: 11:15 AM

CCLC-35654

Tender Years Learning Center #8

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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.
11/22/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/12/2021	Licensing Study	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-infant/toddler 1st left	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-1's (R front)	One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-2's (R bk)	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D - 3's - 2nd left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-PRE-K (1,2,3 & stage)	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	74	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground - left front	11	C
Main	Pre-K Playground - left side back	44	C
Main	Toddler Playground right side	65	C

Comments

This was the first visit of the fiscal year.

Program is currently a 2 star Quality Rated program.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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)

Jennifer McQuire, Program Official

Date

Kimberly Stoy, Consultant

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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

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 11/22/2022

.12(2) - Consultant did not observed any equipment or furniture that presented a hazardous condition.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022****Corrected on 11/22/2022****.25(13) - Consultant observed that the drawers in classroom A were locked and did not contain any hazardous materials. Consultant also observed that the storage closet in classroom C was locked and that there were no hazardous items in the room.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022****Corrected on 11/22/2022****.15(3) - Consultant observed that all bottles were labeled with the child's name on this date.****Health and Hygiene**

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022****Corrected on 11/22/2022****.10(5) - Consultant observed proper diaper changing on this date.**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 11/22/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant observed that the cribs had tight fitting sheets as required on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2013

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 12/02/2013

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 04/18/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2022

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

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2022

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

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit. Criminal Records Checks were complete on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/12/2021

Corrected on 11/22/2022

.33(3) - Consultant observed the previous citation to be correct on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.