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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/30/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

**CCLC-47363**

**The Children's Center at Mulberry**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/30/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/01/2021	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	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infant-2	12	C
Main	Playground B 3-5 year olds	14	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit is to conduct a Complaint Investigation and follow up on a visit from April 12, 2022. The complaint investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The program will be notified of the results once the investigation is complete,

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.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](http://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)

Latosha Hill, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

#### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

Corrected on 11/30/2022

.12(6) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as consultant observed all materials to be accessible to the children.

#### Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

Corrected on 11/30/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as consultant observed no hazards to be accessible to the children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

Corrected on 11/30/2022

.26(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as the Director stated proper knowledge of playground capacities. A plan was implemented to ensure that the daily schedule has the children going out in groups so the capacity is not exceeded.

#### Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022

**Corrected on 11/30/2022**

**.30(1)(a)2 - Previous citation was corrected on this date as the mattresses with tears have been replaced and staff is monitoring for tears.**

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022**

**Corrected on 11/30/2022**

**.30(2)(c) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as all infants were napping in safety approved cribs and staff stated proper knowledge.**