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Cover Sheet

Date: 7/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-52693

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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.
07/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/18/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/12/2020	Initial 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	Room A	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	Room B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	Room C	One Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room F	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room H	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	Room I	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	Room J		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room K	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	62	C
Main	Playground B	95	C
Main	Playground C	139	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on July 23, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 26, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultants Kedirile Magakgala and Stephanie Clark were also present at the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2021

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/Regulations.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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Donna Samples, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Per provider's statement the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/wind pipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

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.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection for two multifunctional school busses was observed on this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, emergency Medical Forms and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director. Additionally Consultant discussed checking the expiration dates on the Transportation training for the Director, the Driver and any additional staff on the vehicles to ensure that they are current at the time transportation resumes.

Comment

The provider stated that the last transportation was in May, 2021. Transportation will resume once public school is back in session. The vehicles were checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director. Additionally, Consultant discussed making sure that complete First Aid kits and working fire extinguishers are available in each vehicle when transportation resumes.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Discussed with the provider that sleep suits may be used only if the center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for using it.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/20/2020	

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/26/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/30/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/18/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/04/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 06/07/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 06/10/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/28/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/26/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 02/23/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 05/21/2021	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 06/14/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	Met

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/07/2020	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 07/07/2020	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 02/08/2021	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 06/15/2021	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 06/15/2021	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 06/20/2021	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 06/20/2021	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 07/13/2021	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 31 staff.

Comment

Director provided 12 files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Discussed that all lead staff without a required credential at the time of hire must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

Technical Assistance

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2021