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Date: 4/18/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-1237

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/18/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
01/24/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support
01/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	A 1L		10	NA
Main	B 2L/3L		15	NA
Main	C Entrance		28	NA
Main	D 1R		18	NA
Main	E 2nd Sectors Entrance		28	NA
Main	F Right Hall 1R		18	NA
Main	G Rear R		27	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 0 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	PG B-No Measurements	0
Main	PG Left	10

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct an action planning technical assistance visit on this date. The program did not have a recent visit or history grid to review; however we reviewed the last visit report from The program set goals and action steps. The program scheduled the next follow up technical assistance visit on May 25, 2023.

Strength Based TA

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

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)



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!

Jenny Rivas-de la Rosa, Program Official

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Rule: 591-1-1-.26 -						
S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director will ensure that playground structures and equipment is in good repair.						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director will remove the rusty swings and chains from the playground. The director will inform the owner to use their Health and Safety Grant to replace the swings and chains.	Director/Owner	05/25/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						

Facility

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall 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.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director will ensure playgrounds shall 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.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The owner has a lawn service company that comes every other week to clean the playground, but it does not include resilient surfacing.	Owner/Director	05/25/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Health and Hygiene

Rule: 591-1-1-.20(4) - (4) Storage. Medications shall be kept in a storage cabinet or container which is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and shall be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director and staff will ensure that medications shall be kept in a storage cabinet or container which is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and shall be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director has informed all staff to check pockets and bags in the mornings to ensure hazardous materials are not accessible to children. The staff checks pockets and bags daily for any medication or hazardous materials.	Director/Staff		In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.30(2) - (2) Sleeping and Resting Environment for Infants. A Center shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back unless the Parent has provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. However, swaddling shall not be used unless 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 swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director will ensure that staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed on toddler heads during naptime.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director does check daily during naptime to ensure that blankets or objects are not placed over toddler heads. The staff is reminded to ensure not to place anything over toddler's heads during naptime.	Director/Staff	05/25/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: