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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/4/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

CCLC-32822

Little Angels Pre-School & Child Care Center

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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.
10/29/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/17/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/30/2020	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 - 1s	One Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B - 1s	One Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room C	Infants	4	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F	Three Year Olds	4	31	C	34	C	47	C	Outside
Main	Room G	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	22	C	Circle Time
Main	Room H	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	33	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 179					
Total # Children this Date: 131			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 179				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	31	C
Main	Playground B	25	C
Main	Playground C	61	C

Comments

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 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)

Chanita Irvin, Program Official

Date

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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

Technical Assistance

There was a blue vinyl sofa and a black vinyl sofa in classroom H that had tears on the arms and back. The director stated that they would be repaired with duct tape.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Comment

The consultant discussed with the director the rule that that includes items such as hair beads for children under three years of age be of a size too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; and unable to be pried off by a child.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

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

Met

Comment

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

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom H there was an unlocked cabinet with cleaning supplies marked Keep Out Of Reach of Children and accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

There was a hole at the back fence of playground A that was larger than 3.5 inches. The consultant discussed the requirement 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.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

There were three of twenty-three bottles that had cereal mixed in with the formula. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) 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) and requires a child to be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes as soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Technical Assistance

There were eight of twenty three bottles that were not labeled in classroom C. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

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

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on the bus with tag #350 that all four bench seats on the driver's side and passenger's side had frayed and worn seats and backs and unable to be cleaned as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

There was a child asleep on a mat in classroom A without a sheet. The consultant discussed the requirement that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cots were not covered in the one-year-old classroom, labeled classroom E to prevent exposure to contamination.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 36**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 MetStaff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2018

Staff # 3 MetStaff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 04/01/2012

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 04/20/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2015

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2011

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 11/29/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/20/2022	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 02/25/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 06/28/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 09/01/2019	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 01/19/2021	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 09/14/2018	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 11/19/2021	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 05/02/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 12/30/2016	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 03/23/2021	Met

Records Reviewed: 36

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 35

Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2022

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

Staff # 36

Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

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

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

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