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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/25/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-35654

Tender Years Learning Center #8

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	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	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play		
Main	B-1's (R front)	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside		
Main	C-2's (R bk)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside		
Main	D - 3's - 2nd left	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside		
Main	F-PRE-K (1,2,3 & stage)	GA PreK	2	10	C	74	C	NA	NA	Centers		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			145	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date:			44	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

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on May 25, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by June 1, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk through visit. The annual review was completed on June 23, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

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)

Jennifer McQuire, 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)

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that there were the following hazards.

-In classroom A the the red and green vinyl climbing pads that were torn and had holes at the seams exposing foam that presented a hazard to children in care and were not able to be kept clean.

-In classroom C there were sixteen vinyl stacking blocks that were torn and had holes at the seams exposing foam that presented a hazard to children in care and were not able to be kept clean. Additionally, there was a box of dress up clothes that was cracked with sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

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.

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 there were the following hazards.
-In classroom A there were two drawers by the sink with sanitizing spray and wipes that were labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children and were not locked and accessible to children in care.
-In classroom C there was a storage closet that was not locked and had a mop and broom that were accessible to children in care. Additionally, the changing table had a lower cabinet that was not locked and had a tube of Desitin that was labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children and was 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: 5/25/2022

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

Technical Assistance

On playground 3 there was a board protruding forward on the wooden fence. The consultant discussed with the provider the requirement that playground fencing material shall not present a hazard to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Technical Assistance

There was a Coreplay playhouse with a a broken door and cracked with sharp edges. The consultant discussed the requirement that playground equipment shall be free of sharp corners that could pose significant safety hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2022

Technical Assistance

There were exposed roots on Playground 2. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that the playground have exposed tree roots painted a bright color to prevent a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

There were three of eight bottles in classroom A that had cereal added to the formula. The consultant discussed 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.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that two of eight bottles were not labeled with the individual child's name as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Not Met

Finding

)591-1-1-.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom C the staff left a child standing on the changing table while they looked for wipes and pull ups in the cabinet beneath the changing table.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There was a trashcan beside the changing table of classroom C that was with out a lid. The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that four of eight cribs did not have tight fitting sheets as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/25/2021	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/29/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/10/2013	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/12/2021	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/02/2013	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/18/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff members #7 and #8 did not receive the health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2021

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.