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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/21/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:15 PM

Departure: 4:15 PM

CCLC-50258

Angel Learning Center - Valdosta

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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.
03/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/02/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/02/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-toddler	One Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E-2's rm	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H-3-4's		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main	Rm B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	RM D-2's	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm F-3's	Three Year Olds	1	16	NC	13	NC	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm G		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main	Rm I	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	13	C	18	C	Outside
Main	Rm J	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176

Total # Children this Date: 82

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and Up	78	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks - 2 yrs	45	C

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on March 21, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by March 28, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director after the walk through. The center does provide transportation. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk through visit. The annual review was completed on March 31, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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)

Brittany Marcus, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, 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

The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions. The Blue vinyl bench in classroom I had a torn seat and the director stated duct tape would be used to make a repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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)

Technical Assistance

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The consultant discussed with the director the requirement that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. The storage room in classroom I was not locked.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute under swings on playground B.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that on Playground A the play equipment at the back of the playground had two bolts protruding from the bottom piece where the equipment was anchored to the ground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to 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. It was determined based on observation that an active ant bed was on Playground B in the back left corner.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****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 in classroom A and in classroom B there were baby bottles 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: 3/21/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A an infant had a pacifier attached to their clothing. Additionally, another infant had beads in their hair that were of a size that presented a choking hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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 there were the following hazards.

On bus #1 with tag number #8034 the first seat on the driver's side had a torn seat with foam exposed and the back of the third seat had a hole exposing foam. Additionally, on bus #2 with tag #8314 the second seat on the driver's side had a torn seat with exposed foam and the third seat passenger side, the third seat driver's side and the fourth seat driver's side all had spots that were worn to the threads underneath making them unable to be cleaned and sanitized.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2018	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Observed completed orientation checklists that are documented and signed.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that in classroom F the Staff:child ratio was 1:16 and not 1:15 for three-year-olds as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

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