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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/12/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-39583

Precious Little One 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.
10/12/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
09/28/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/21/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A- 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B-2R	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3R	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D- Back Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- Back Middle		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- 3L	PreK	1	18	C	42	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- 2L	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H- 1L	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 82			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 4+ Years	47	C
Main	B- Toddlers	57	C
Main	C- Infant	11	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/26/2022

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.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



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.ga.gov 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)

Dana Gardner, Program Official	Date
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Alicia Loney, Consultant	Date
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Stacy Whitten, Consultant	Date
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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 10/12/2022

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected in that all classrooms were observed to participate in age appropriate activities on date of visit.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires 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. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following areas of fencing were not in good repair:

- Preschool playground, the fence beside the parking lot had a pole at the bottom of the fence that was detached from the fence with exposed screws, gap measuring more than three and a half inches was present between the gates, chipping paint observed present on the poles of fencing

- Infant playground: gap measuring more than three and a half inches was present between the gates.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Recited on 10/12/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Corrected on 10/12/2022

.17(11) - The previous citation is corrected in that diapers were observed to be disposed of properly and soiled diapers were inaccessible to children.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 10/12/2022

.22 -The previous citation is corrected in that staff stated parents are permitted to access all areas of the child care center.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 10/12/2022

.29(3) -The previous citation is corrected in that the provider stated knowledge of required reporting.

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 there was one staff member present with nine one-year-old children in classroom B 2R, when two staff members were required.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2022

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Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 10/12/2022

.32(2) - The previous citation is corrected in that mixed age group ratios were met.