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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-51414

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
06/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/23/2021	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	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-2R-2's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-1R-1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C-1L-Infants & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	0	6	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2L-3's & Up		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	E-Gym-1L-4's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	26	C	16	NC	23	NC	Centers
Main	F-Gym-2L-4's & Up		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	G-Gym-1R-4's & Up		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88				
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	19	C
Main	School Age	30	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/17/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Damicka Wilson, 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

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust in the bathroom between rooms A and B was not working as it was not pulling the air in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the exhaust.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

Recited on 6/28/2022

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom B housed 11 children when it was licensed for eight, and classroom E gym housed 17 children when it was licensed for 16.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure the cabinet under the sink in classroom B remains latched where cleaning products are stored. Please ensure all staff bags, cleaning products and plastic bags are stored out of reach and inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure the following areas are repaired or regularly cleaned to maintain compliance:

- the bathroom floor, counter and mirror in the bathroom in between classrooms A and B
- the bathroom faucet tightened in the bathroom in between classrooms A and B
- water spots and loose tile on ceiling, carpet beginning to detach from floor in classroom E - gym 1L
- wallpaper beginning to peel in the gym bathrooms
- rust beginning to develop at the bottom edge of bathroom stalls in the gym bathrooms

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

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 on the playground were in need of repair:

- the gates for both playgrounds were unable to latch securely
- there was a gap of more than three inches at the top of the fencing on the right playground
- the fencing at the left side measured three feet nine inches, when four feet is required
- there was one detached pole on the fencing on the top left playground
- the fencing was observed to be pulled back from both A/C units creating a gap measuring more than two feet

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

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 the following areas of equipment were in need of repaint or repair:

- a picnic table was observed to be apart on the ground
- the see saw and riding toy worm on the left playground had cracks with rough edges
- the equipment on the right playground was observed to have chipping paint in several places, the orange slide was observed to have a crack in the plastic

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: 7/28/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure the resilient surface is refluffed and spread out under the fall zones. Please ensure the surfacing under the monkey bars, fireman pole, and slide measures at least six inches and extends out to include the fall zone.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2022

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 the following hazards were observed on the playgrounds:

- one active ant bed on the left playground
- the A/C units' fencing was pulled back, allowing them to be accessible to children
- on the right playground, there was loose netting from a volley ball set accessible to children

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: 7/8/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure diaper pads are monitored for rips and tears and replaced or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

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

Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to 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 in a crib unless the Center has been 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. 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. Center 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. It was determined based on observation that six children were sleeping in cribs with a plastic bag covering over the mattresses. The plastic bag was a temporary cover provided at purchase. Plastic material was observed to be extending past the crib sheet and was accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

The Center will remove plastic bag covers from the crib mattresses and replace with covers that are manufactured for crib and infant sleep usage.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Staff Records	
Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/05/2017	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background checks for all staff.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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(5) requires that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met. It was determined based on observation that there were six infants sleeping in classroom C and no staff member was present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will rearrange staff schedules to ensure the required number of staff are in each room and available.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that there were six infants in classroom C and no staff member was observed to be present to provide supervision.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022