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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/21/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-52103

Smarter Kids Child Care Learning 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.
06/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/22/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/26/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C	Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Main	Room D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	20	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2022

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)

Carolyn Jones, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure chairs are not stacked in classrooms or common areas when children are present. Please ensure the TV on the table and the stackable white plastic drawers, in the large main classroom are secured with heavy velcro or a strap.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure all childrens' enrollment forms are completed with all information required and there are no blanks.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - Please ensure all children are signed in and out each day and no blanks are left.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Facility

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - Please ensure the light bulb in the bathroom in classroom D (toddlers) is in good working order and the toilet is cleaned to ensure a ring does not develop in the bowl.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Comment

Please contact consultant upon completion of renovations.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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 the following hazards were stored accessible to children:

- Room A: two staff bags were observed to be stored on a low shelf and floor
- Room C: one staff bag and large plastic bag of prescription medications were observed to be behind the desk on a low shelf.
- Back main room - a cart with cleaning products was stored beside the children's bathrooms and the utility room door was unlocked

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: 6/21/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure the bathroom walls and vent in classroom A (three and four year olds) and the back main bathroom walls and paper towel dispenser are cleaned regularly to remove and prevent residue from developing. Also, please monitor and repair or repaint any areas where chipping paint is beginning to develop.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2021

Corrected on 6/21/2022

.26(4) - The previous citation is corrected in that there were no gaps observed to be more than three and half inches in the fencing.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure the fencing is repositioned so that it is not leaning on any sides.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please monitor the green ladder and climbing areas and decking for chipping paint and repair or repaint as needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Please ensure when medication is not dispensed and N/A is written - a reason is indicated on the form

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13(5) - Please ensure that a copy of field trip and transportation attendance / checklists and child vehicle emergency forms are left at the center and easily accessible whenever a trip is taken.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Please ensure each child's load and unload is marked with a check or A for absent, rather than the time.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. - Please ensure first and second checks are indicated with a complete staff signature rather than initials.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2022

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

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2016

Staff # 5

Met

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/28/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/26/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2022

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

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2022

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

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2021

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**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 employed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(1) - Please ensure all staff have taken CPR/ First Aid training within their first 90 days and it is maintained. Also, please ensure all staff receive CPR/First Aid training that has a hands on portion. Discussed with director, that online only CPR/First Aid training is not accepted.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Please ensure the cook and Director take the required four hour nutrition training and the cooks continues to take 10 hours of training in nutrition and food service, each year.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(1)(c) - Please ensure that a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the Director is maintained on file at the center for annual review.

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.